

***CITY OF PETAL, MISSISSIPPI***

***AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS***

***FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024***

**CITY OF PETAL**  
**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**SEPTEMBER 30, 2024**

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council  
City of Petal, Mississippi

### ***Opinions***

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Petal, Mississippi as of and for the year ended September 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the City of Petal, Mississippi's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Petal, Mississippi as of September 30, 2024, and the respective changes in financial position, and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

### ***Basis for Opinions***

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the City of Petal, Mississippi and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

### ***Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements***

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the City Petal, Mississippi's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

### ***Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements***

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.

Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the City of Petal, Mississippi's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the City of Petal, Mississippi's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

#### ***Required Supplementary Information***

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis, budgetary comparison information, the Schedule of the City's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability, Schedule of City Contributions, Schedule of Changes in Net Pension Liability, and the Schedule of Employer Contributions on pages 8-15 and 51-57, respectively, be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

#### ***Supplementary Information***

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the City of Petal, Mississippi's basic financial statements. The accompanying Schedule of Surety Bonds for Municipal Officials and schedule of expenditures of federal awards, as required by Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted

in the United States of America. In our opinion, the combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements and the schedule of expenditures of federal awards are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

**Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards***

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated July 10, 2025, on our consideration of the City of Petal, Mississippi's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting or on compliance, and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the City of Petal, Mississippi's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering City of Petal, Mississippi's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

*Holt & Associates, PLLC*

Laurel, MS  
July 10, 2025

***MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION  
AND ANALYSIS (MD&A)***

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The following discussion and analysis of The City of Petal, Mississippi's financial performance provides an overview of the City's financial activities for the year ended September 30, 2024. The intent of this discussion and analysis is to look at the City's financial performance as a whole. Readers are encouraged to review the financial statements and the notes to the financial statements to enhance their understanding of the City's financial performance.

**FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS**

- The assets and deferred outflows of the City exceeded its liabilities and deferred inflows at September 30, 2024 by \$32,585,202 (net position), which represents an increase of \$5,068,273 from the prior year. This is due primarily from operation.
- The governmental activities revenues and transfers in exceeded expenses and transfers out by approximately \$4,583,020 resulting in a net increase in net position. The City's business-type activities revenues exceeded expenses and transfers out by approximately \$485,253.
- As of September 30, 2024, the City's governmental funds reported a combined fund balance of \$12,761,409, which represents an increase of \$2,269,819 from the prior year. The unrestricted and unassigned portion of this fund balance is \$5,769,135. The City's enterprise funds reported a combined unrestricted net position of \$4,959,293.
- During the fiscal year the City decreased its net long-term debt by \$1,583,179 as a result of normal scheduled debt payments and refinancing exceeding new borrowings.

**OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

This discussion and analysis serves as an introduction to the City's basic financial statements, which include government-wide financial statements, fund financial statements, and notes to the financial statements. This report also contains required supplementary information, supplementary information, and other information.

**Government-wide Financial Statements**

The government-wide financial statements are designed to provide the reader with a broad overview of the City's finances. These statements consist of the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities, which are prepared using the flow of economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. The current year's revenues and expenses are taken into account regardless of when cash is received or paid.

The Statement of Net Position presents information on all the City's assets and liabilities, with the differences between the two reported as "net position." Over time, increases or decreases in the City's net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether its financial position is improving or deteriorating.

The Statement of Activities presents information showing how the City's net position changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods.

The government-wide financial statements outline functions of the City that are principally supported by property taxes and intergovernmental revenues (governmental activities) from other functions that are intended to recover all or a significant portion of their costs through user fees and charges (business-type activities). The governmental activities of the City include general government, court, public safety, public works, culture and



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recreation and debt service. The business-type activities of the City include water and sewer fund and solid waste fund.

The government-wide financial statements can be found in Exhibit A and B of this report.

#### **Fund Financial Statements**

A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The City uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. All of the funds of the City can be divided into three categories: governmental funds, proprietary funds and fiduciary funds.

**Governmental funds** – Most of the City's general activities are reported in its governmental funds. Governmental funds are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. However, governmental funds are accounted for using the modified accrual basis of accounting and the flow of current financial resources measurement focus. The approach focuses on near-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources, as well as balances of spendable resources available at year end. The governmental fund statements provide a detailed view of the City's near-term financing requirements.

Because the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of the government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for governmental funds with similar information presented for governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. By doing so, the reader may gain a better understanding of the long-term impact of the City's near-term financing decisions. The governmental funds Balance Sheet is reconciled to the Statement of Net Position, and the governmental funds Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances is reconciled to the Statement of Activities to facilitate this comparison between governmental funds and governmental activities.

The city maintains multiple individual governmental funds including the "Petal Public Improvement Corporation" which is a blended component unit of the City. The general fund is always considered a major fund and is reported separately along with any other major special revenue funds. The remaining governmental funds are combined into a single, aggregated presentation.

The basic governmental fund financial statements are presented as Exhibits D and C in this report.

**Proprietary funds** – The City maintains only one type of proprietary funds. Enterprise funds are reported in the same way as the business-type activities reported in the government-wide statements but provide more detail and additional information, such as cash flows. The City uses enterprises funds to account for its water and sewer fund and solid waste fund both of which are considered major funds

The basic proprietary fund financial statements are presented as Exhibits E, F and G in this report.

**Fiduciary funds** – Fiduciary funds are used to account for resources held for the benefit of parties outside the City. Fiduciary funds are not reflected in the government-wide financial statements because resources of those funds are not available to support the City's own functions. These funds are reported using the accrual basis of accounting. The city is responsible for ensuring that the assets reported in these funds are used for their intended purpose.

The basic fiduciary fund financial statements are presented as Exhibit H of this report.

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**Reconciliation of Government-wide and Fund Financial Statements**

The financial statements include two schedules that reconcile the amounts reported on the governmental funds financial statements (modified accrual basis of accounting) with government-wide financial statements (accrual basis of accounting). The following summarizes the major differences between the two statements:

Capital assets used in governmental activities are not reported on governmental funds financial statements.

Capital outlay spending results in capital assets on government-wide financial statements, but is reported as expenditures on the governmental funds financial statements.

Bond and note proceeds result in liabilities on government-wide financial statements, but are recorded as other financing sources on the governmental funds financial statements.

A net pension liability and net OPEB liability result in liabilities on the government-wide financial statements but are not reported on governmental funds financial statements.

Certain other outflows represent either increases or decreases in liabilities on the government-wide financial statements, but are reported as expenditures on the governmental funds financial statements.

**Notes to the financial statements**

The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements. The notes to the financial statements can be found immediately following the basic financial statements.

**Required Supplementary Information**

In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also presents budgetary comparison schedules, Schedule of the City's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability, and Schedule of City Contributions (PERS) as required supplementary information. The City adopts an annual operating budget for all funds. A budgetary comparison schedule has been provided for the General Fund and each major special revenue fund as required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board.

**Supplementary Information**

Although not a required part of the basic financial statements, this report also presents a Schedule of Surety Bonds for Municipal Officials as requested by the Mississippi State Auditors Office.

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**GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS**

**Net position**

Net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of the City's financial position. Assets and deferred outflows exceeded liabilities and deferred inflows by \$32,585,202 as of September 30, 2024.

The City's financial position is a product of several financial transactions including the net result of activities, the acquisition and payment of debt, the acquisition and disposal of capital assets and the depreciation of capital assets.

**Table 1**  
**Condensed Statement of Net Position**

	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities		Totals		Dollar Change	Percentage Change
	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023		
Current and other assets	\$ 19,396,795	\$ 18,119,102	\$ 6,866,841	\$ 6,315,101	\$ 26,263,636	\$ 24,434,203	\$ 1,829,433	7.49%
Capital assets	22,945,469	20,892,121	13,201,879	13,287,140	36,147,348	34,179,261	1,968,087	5.76%
Total assets	42,342,264	39,011,223	20,068,720	19,602,241	62,410,984	58,613,464	3,797,520	6.48%
Deferred outflow of resources	2,405,670	4,639,725	263,045	440,495	2,668,715	5,080,220	(2,411,505)	-47.47%
Long-term debt	8,052,909	9,436,707	-	199,381	8,052,909	9,636,088	(1,583,179)	-16.43%
Net pension liability	12,812,798	13,594,573	1,227,270	1,244,706	14,040,068	14,839,279	(799,211)	-5.39%
Other liabilities	1,075,473	1,828,712	694,355	587,609	1,769,828	2,416,321	(646,493)	-26.76%
Total liabilities	21,941,180	24,859,992	1,921,625	2,031,696	23,862,805	26,891,688	(3,028,883)	-11.26%
Deferred inflow of resources	8,382,724	8,949,946	248,968	335,121	8,631,692	9,285,067	(653,375)	-7.04%
Net position:								
Net investment in capital assets	15,212,659	11,455,414	13,201,879	13,087,759	28,414,538	24,543,173	3,871,365	15.77%
Restricted	4,295,814	3,236,465	-	-	4,295,814	3,236,465	1,059,349	32.73%
Unrestricted	(5,084,443)	(4,850,869)	4,959,293	4,588,160	(125,150)	(262,709)	137,559	52.36%
Total net position	\$ 14,424,030	\$ 9,841,010	\$ 18,161,172	\$ 17,675,919	\$ 32,585,202	\$ 27,516,929	\$ 5,068,273	18.42%

By far the largest portion of City's net position (87.2%) reflects its investment in capital assets less related outstanding debt.

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**Changes in net position**

Governmental activities increased the City's net position by \$4,542,589 and the business activities increased the City's net position by \$525,684. The key elements of these changes are reported in the following statement. These increases are primarily result of operations.

**Table 2**

**Condensed Statement of Changes in Net Positon**

	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities		Totals		Dollar Change	Percentage Change
	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023		
Program Revenues:								
Charges for Services	\$ 697,605	\$ 712,096	\$ 5,448,605	\$ 5,370,447	\$ 6,146,210	\$ 6,082,543	\$ 63,667	1.05%
Grants and Donations	4,465,680	4,642,398	-	-	4,465,680	4,642,398	(176,718)	-3.81%
General Revenues:								
Property Taxes	6,122,829	5,959,546	33	998	6,122,862	5,960,544	162,318	2.72%
Sales Taxes	3,856,040	3,743,719	-	-	3,856,040	3,743,719	112,321	3.00%
Other	1,459,983	823,081	385,178	14,036	1,845,161	837,117	1,008,044	120.42%
Gain (loss) sale of Capital Assets	12,404	(39,383)	20,227	(1,107)	32,631	(40,490)	73,121	-180.59%
Total Revenues	<u>16,614,541</u>	<u>15,841,457</u>	<u>5,854,043</u>	<u>5,384,374</u>	<u>22,468,584</u>	<u>21,225,831</u>	<u>1,242,753</u>	<u>5.85%</u>
Program Expenses:								
General Government	1,155,108	1,033,558	-	-	1,155,108	1,033,558	121,550	11.76%
Court	360,291	363,110	-	-	360,291	363,110	(2,819)	-0.78%
Public Safety	5,174,805	4,958,736	-	-	5,174,805	4,958,736	216,069	4.36%
Public Works	2,645,374	2,500,005	-	-	2,645,374	2,500,005	145,369	5.81%
Culture & Recreation	1,274,575	1,168,522	-	-	1,274,575	1,168,522	106,053	9.08%
Interest and Other Charges	234,208	270,352	-	-	234,208	270,352	(36,144)	-13.37%
Pension expense (recovery)	2,172,489	2,413,125	89,786	57,891	2,262,275	2,471,016	(208,741)	-8.45%
Water and Sewer	-	-	3,162,554	3,228,391	3,162,554	3,228,391	(65,837)	-2.04%
Solid Waste	-	-	1,131,121	916,512	1,131,121	916,512	214,609	23.42%
Total Expenses	<u>13,016,850</u>	<u>12,707,408</u>	<u>4,383,461</u>	<u>4,202,794</u>	<u>17,400,311</u>	<u>16,910,202</u>	<u>490,109</u>	<u>2.90%</u>
Increase(decrease) in net assets								
before transfers and prior period adjustment	3,597,691	3,134,049	1,470,582	1,181,580	5,068,273	4,315,629	752,644	<u>17.44%</u>
Prior period adjustment	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Net transfers	985,329	966,383	(985,329)	(966,383)	-	-	-	
Change in Net Position	<u>\$ 4,583,020</u>	<u>\$ 4,100,432</u>	<u>\$ 485,253</u>	<u>\$ 215,197</u>	<u>\$ 5,068,273</u>	<u>\$ 4,315,629</u>	<u>\$ 752,644</u>	

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**FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE CITY'S FUNDS**

As noted earlier, the City uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements.

**Governmental funds.** The focus of the City's governmental funds is to provide information on current inflows, outflows and balances of spendable resources. Such information is useful in assessing the City's financing requirements. In particular, unassigned fund balance may serve as a useful measure of the City's net resources available for spending at the end of the fiscal year.

As the City completed the year, its governmental funds reported a combined fund balance of \$12,761,409, an increase of \$2,269,819. \$5,769,135, or 45% of the fund balance is unassigned, which is available for spending at the City's discretion. The remaining fund balance is either nonspendable, restricted, committed or assigned to indicate that it is not available for spending, except only for the purposes to which it is restricted, committed or assigned.

The General Fund is the principal operating fund of the City. The decrease in fund balance in the General Fund for the fiscal year was \$224,544. This result is primarily due to transfers to the capital projects fund in excess of the general fund's operating surplus. The fund balance of the Other Governmental Funds showed an increase in the amount of \$229,604. These changes result primarily from operations and transfers in. The increase in the fund balances for the other major funds were as follows:

<u>Major Fund</u>	<u>Increase (Decrease)</u>
MIMA HB1	\$ 959,739
Recreation Fund	(181,690)
American Rescue Plan Fund	51,696
Capital Projects Reserve	1,435,014

**Proprietary funds.** The City's proprietary funds provide the same type information found in the government-wide financial statements, but in more detail.

Unrestricted net position of \$4,999,724 is comprised of \$4,643,422 for the water and sewer and \$356,302 for the solid waste fund. User fees and charges were sufficient to cover costs this year. The increase in net position of \$487,034 for the water and sewer fund and \$38,650 in the solid waste fund was due primarily to operations.

**General Fund Budgeting Highlights**

The City's budget is prepared according to Mississippi law and is based on accounting for certain transactions on a basis of cash receipts, disbursement and encumbrances. One of the most significant budgeted funds is the General Fund.

During 2024, the City's general fund budget was amended. All recommendations for a change come from the department heads to the City Clerk for review before going to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen for consideration. The City does not allow budget changes that modify line items within any department without Board approval. The General Fund is closely monitored for possible revenue shortfalls or over spending, since it supports so many departments. The General Fund original budgeted revenues were \$10,159,005; with the final budgeted amount being \$10,218,105; and with \$11,268,291 in actual revenue collections. The General Fund's original budgeted expenditures of \$9,915,264 were amended to \$9,974,365, with actual expenditures of \$9,422,044.

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**CAPITAL ASSET AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION**

**Capital Assets**

By the end of 2024, the City has approximately \$36,000,000 invested in a large range of capital assets net of accumulated depreciation, including police and fire equipment, water and sewer lines, roads and buildings.

	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities		Totals		Increase (Decrease)	Percentage Change
	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023		
Land	\$ 618,150	\$ 613,225	\$ 21,993	\$ 21,993	\$ 640,143	\$ 635,218	\$ 4,925	0%
Buildings and improvements	5,220,960	3,830,363	222,762	230,963	5,443,722	4,061,326	1,382,396	34.04%
Equipment	2,040,858	2,179,634	12,953,921	519,582	14,994,779	2,699,216	12,295,563	455.52%
Infrastructure	15,036,845	13,840,534	3,203	12,514,595	15,040,048	26,355,129	(11,315,081)	-42.93%
Totals	<u>\$ 22,916,813</u>	<u>\$ 20,463,756</u>	<u>\$ 13,201,879</u>	<u>\$ 13,287,133</u>	<u>\$ 36,118,692</u>	<u>\$ 33,750,889</u>	<u>\$ 2,367,803</u>	7.02%

Additional information about the City's capital assets can be found in Note 5 of this report.

**Debt**

At year-end, the City had \$8,052,909 in bonds, notes, and leases outstanding compared to \$9,636,088 last year - a decrease of \$1,583,179.

	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities		Totals		Increase (Decrease)	Percentage Change
	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023		
General Obligation Bonds	\$ 7,691,000	\$ 8,992,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,691,000	\$ 8,992,000	\$ (1,301,000)	-14.47%
SRF Emergency Loan	-	-	-	199,381	-	199,381	(199,381)	-100.00%
Lease Liabilities	361,909	444,707	-	-	361,909	444,707	(82,798)	-18.62%
Totals	<u>\$ 8,052,909</u>	<u>\$ 9,436,707</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 199,381</u>	<u>\$ 8,052,909</u>	<u>\$ 9,636,088</u>	<u>\$ (1,583,179)</u>	-16.43%

More detailed information about the City's long-term liabilities is presented in Note 6 to the financial statements.

*CITY OF PETAL, MISSISSIPPI  
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
FOR YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024*

**ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGETS AND RATES**

The City's elected and appointed officials considered many factors when setting the fiscal-year 2025 budget, tax rates, and fees that will be charged for the business-type activities. In an effort to maximize City efficiency and fiscal responsibility, the City Board did not increase property tax rates for 2025.

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, creditors and investors with a general overview of the City's finances and to show the City's accountability for the money it received. If you have any questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact the Mayor and City Clerk at 102 West 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Petal, MS 39465.

***GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS***



**CITY OF PETAL**  
**STATEMENT OF NET POSITION**  
**SEPTEMBER 30, 2024**

Exhibit A

	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total
<b>ASSETS AND OTHER DEBITS</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 12,733,540	\$ 5,817,915	\$ 18,551,455
Receivables, net of allowance for uncollectibles	6,300,447	34,687	6,335,134
Due from other funds	201,180	170,139	371,319
Prepaid Items	105,226	-	105,226
Unbilled revenue	-	469,664	469,664
Inventory, at cost	-	12,066	12,066
Other receivables	56,402	-	56,402
Restricted Assets			
Customer deposits	-	362,370	362,370
Land	618,150	21,993	640,143
Capital assets, net	22,298,663	13,179,886	35,478,549
Capitalized interest and bond costs (net)	28,656	-	28,656
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>42,342,264</b>	<b>20,068,720</b>	<b>62,410,984</b>
<b>DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>			
Deferred outflows related to pensions	2,085,571	263,045	2,348,616
Unamortized amount on debt refunding	320,099	-	320,099
<b>Total Deferred Outflow of Resources</b>	<b>2,405,670</b>	<b>263,045</b>	<b>2,668,715</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND OTHER CREDITS</b>			
Accounts Payable	346,049	221,421	567,470
Due to other funds	271,160	125,408	396,568
Other payables	51,929	-	51,929
Customer deposits	-	345,745	345,745
Unearned Revenue	289,482	-	289,482
Accrued interest	44,812	-	44,812
Compensated absences	72,041	1,781	73,822
Noncurrent liabilities:			
Net pension liability	12,812,798	1,227,270	14,040,068
Debt due within one year	1,350,535	-	1,350,535
Debt due in more than one year	6,702,374	-	6,702,374
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>21,941,180</b>	<b>1,921,625</b>	<b>23,862,805</b>
<b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>			
Deferred inflows related to pensions	2,828,506	248,968	3,077,474
Property taxes levied for subsequent year	5,554,218	-	5,554,218
<b>Total Deferred Inflow of Resources</b>	<b>8,382,724</b>	<b>248,968</b>	<b>8,631,692</b>
<b>NET POSITION</b>			
Net investment in capital assets	15,212,659	13,201,879	28,414,538
Restricted	4,295,814	-	4,295,814
Unrestricted	(5,084,443)	4,959,293	(125,150)
<b>Total Net Position</b>	<b>\$ 14,424,030</b>	<b>\$ 18,161,172</b>	<b>\$ 32,585,202</b>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

**CITY OF PETAL**  
**STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024**

Exhibit B

<u>Functions/Programs</u>	Program Revenues				Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position		
	Expenses	Fines, Fees and Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total
Governmental activities:							
General government	\$ 1,155,108	\$ 6,056	\$ 12,600	\$ -	\$ (1,136,452)		\$ (1,136,452)
Court	360,291	347,252	-	-	(13,039)		(13,039)
Public safety	5,174,805	243,272	88,697	-	(4,842,836)		(4,842,836)
Public works	2,645,374	-	-	2,940,365	294,991		294,991
Culture & recreation	1,274,575	101,025	1,424,018	-	250,468		250,468
Pension expense	2,172,489	-	-	-	(2,172,489)		(2,172,489)
Interest/other charges on long-term debt	234,208	-	-	-	(234,208)		(234,208)
Total governmental activities	<u>13,016,850</u>	<u>697,605</u>	<u>1,525,315</u>	<u>2,940,365</u>	<u>(7,853,565)</u>		<u>(7,853,565)</u>
Business-type activities							
Water & Sewer	3,162,554	4,282,055	-	-		\$ 1,119,501	1,119,501
Solid Waste	1,131,121	1,166,550	-	-		35,429	35,429
Pension expense	89,786	-	-	-		(89,786)	(89,786)
Total business-type activities	<u>4,383,461</u>	<u>5,448,605</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>		<u>1,065,144</u>	<u>1,065,144</u>
Total	<u>\$ 17,400,311</u>	<u>\$ 6,146,210</u>	<u>\$ 1,525,315</u>	<u>\$ 2,940,365</u>	<u>(7,853,565)</u>	<u>1,065,144</u>	<u>(6,788,421)</u>
General revenues:							
Property taxes					6,122,829	33	6,122,862
Sales taxes					3,856,040	-	3,856,040
Franchise taxes and privilege licenses					585,996	-	585,996
Transfers					985,329	(985,329)	-
Unrestricted investment earnings					834,170	387,461	1,221,631
Other					39,817	(2,283)	37,534
Gain/loss on sale of assets					12,404	20,227	32,631
Total general revenues					<u>12,436,585</u>	<u>(579,891)</u>	<u>11,856,694</u>
Change in net position					4,583,020	485,253	5,068,273
Net position - beginning					<u>9,841,010</u>	<u>17,675,919</u>	<u>27,516,929</u>
Net position - ending					<u>\$ 14,424,030</u>	<u>\$ 18,161,172</u>	<u>\$ 32,585,202</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

***FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS***

**CITY OF PETAL**  
**BALANCE SHEET-GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**  
**SEPTEMBER 30, 2024**

Exhibit C

	General Fund	MIMA HB1	Recreation Fund	American Rescue Plan Fund	Capital Projects Reserve	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>ASSETS AND OTHER DEBITS</b>							
Cash and other deposits	\$ 5,734,790	\$ 2,059,161	\$ 637,038	\$ 347,489	\$ 2,591,234	\$ 1,363,828	\$ 12,733,540
Franchise fees receivable	154,411	-	-	-	-	-	154,411
Fines receivable, net of allowance	122,548	-	-	-	-	-	122,548
Due from other governments	353,725	-	115,545	-	-	-	469,270
Property taxes levied for subsequent year	5,191,968	-	-	-	-	362,250	5,554,218
Prepaid Insurance	105,226	-	-	-	-	-	105,226
Due from other funds	125,893	-	75,160	-	-	127	201,180
Other receivables	52,242	-	-	4,070	-	90	56,402
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 11,840,803</b>	<b>\$ 2,059,161</b>	<b>\$ 827,743</b>	<b>\$ 351,559</b>	<b>\$ 2,591,234</b>	<b>\$ 1,726,295</b>	<b>\$ 19,396,795</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND OTHER CREDITS</b>							
Accounts payable	\$ 328,837	\$ -	\$ 17,212	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 346,049
Other payables	49,121	-	-	-	-	-	49,121
Insurance payable	2,808	-	-	-	-	-	2,808
Unearned revenue	-	-	-	289,482	-	-	289,482
Due to other funds	271,160	-	-	-	-	-	271,160
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>651,926</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>17,212</b>	<b>289,482</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>958,620</b>
<b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>							
Revenues not available - court fines	122,548	-	-	-	-	-	122,548
Property taxes levied for subsequent year	5,191,968	-	-	-	-	362,250	5,554,218
	<b>5,314,516</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>362,250</b>	<b>5,676,766</b>
<b>FUND BALANCES:</b>							
Restricted							-
Resource Activity	-	2,059,161	810,531	62,077	-	1,137,664	4,069,433
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-	226,381	226,381
Unavailable Prepaid	105,226	-	-	-	-	-	105,226
Committed for Capital Projects	-	-	-	-	2,591,234	-	2,591,234
Assigned for Reserves	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unassigned	5,769,135	-	-	-	-	-	5,769,135
<b>Total fund balances</b>	<b>5,874,361</b>	<b>2,059,161</b>	<b>810,531</b>	<b>62,077</b>	<b>2,591,234</b>	<b>1,364,045</b>	<b>12,761,409</b>
<b>Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and fund balances</b>	<b>\$ 11,840,803</b>	<b>\$ 2,059,161</b>	<b>\$ 827,743</b>	<b>\$ 351,559</b>	<b>\$ 2,591,234</b>	<b>\$ 1,726,295</b>	<b>\$ 19,396,795</b>

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**CITY OF PETAL**  
**RECONCILIATION OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET**  
**TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION**  
**SEPTEMBER 30, 2024**

Exhibit C-1

Total Fund Balance-Governmental Funds (Exhibit C)	\$ 12,761,409
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Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net assets are different because:

Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds, net of accumulated depreciation of \$17,730,468	22,916,813
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Other long-term assets are not available to pay for current-period expenditures, and, therefore, are deferred in the funds	122,548
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Bond issuance costs are deferred in the Statement of Net Assets and amortized over the term of the bonds	28,656
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Other long-term liabilities, including net pension liability, are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the funds	
Net Pension liability	(12,812,798)
Compensated absences	(72,041)
Accrued interest expense	(44,812)

Deferred outflows and inflows of resources are applicable to future periods and, therefore are not reported in the funds:	
Unamortized amount on debt refunding	320,099
Deferred outflows of resources related to pensions	2,085,571
Deferred inflows of resources related to pensions	(2,828,506)

Long-term debt, including bonds payable are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.	(8,052,909)
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Total Net Position-Governmental Activities (Exhibit A)	<u>\$ 14,424,030</u>
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**CITY OF PETAL**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES**  
**IN FUND BALANCES-GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024**

Exhibit D

	General Fund	MIMA HB1	Recreation Fund	American Rescue Plan Fund	Capital Projects Reserve	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES:							
Property taxes	\$ 5,740,452	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 382,377	\$ 6,122,829
Licenses and fees	585,996	-	-	-	-	-	585,996
Intergovernmental revenue	3,900,116	952,611	1,424,018	1,628,172	-	416,803	8,321,720
Charges for services	270,247	-	74,050	-	-	-	344,297
Fines and penalties	231,158	-	-	-	-	-	231,158
Earnings on investments	521,486	87,892	33,340	51,696	58,951	80,805	834,170
Other	14,638	-	11,964	-	-	347	26,949
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>11,264,093</b>	<b>1,040,503</b>	<b>1,543,372</b>	<b>1,679,868</b>	<b>58,951</b>	<b>880,332</b>	<b>16,467,119</b>
EXPENDITURES							
General government	1,134,046	-	-	-	-	-	1,134,046
Court	283,245	-	-	-	-	-	283,245
Public safety	5,683,265	-	-	-	-	6,945	5,690,210
Public works	2,074,980	80,764	-	1,628,172	-	-	3,783,916
Culture & recreation	191,864	-	2,509,582	-	-	-	2,701,446
Debt service							
Principal	171,790	-	-	-	-	1,301,000	1,472,790
Interest	9,245	-	-	-	-	232,529	241,774
<b>Total expenditures</b>	<b>9,548,435</b>	<b>80,764</b>	<b>2,509,582</b>	<b>1,628,172</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,540,474</b>	<b>15,307,427</b>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	<u>1,715,658</u>	<u>959,739</u>	<u>(966,210)</u>	<u>51,696</u>	<u>58,951</u>	<u>(660,142)</u>	<u>1,159,692</u>
Other financing sources (uses):							
Leases issued	88,992	-	-	-	-	-	88,992
Transfers in	-	-	900,000	-	2,276,063	1,050,329	4,226,392
Transfers out	(2,065,000)	-	(115,480)	-	(900,000)	(160,583)	(3,241,063)
Sale of capital assets	22,938	-	-	-	-	-	22,938
Other	12,868	-	-	-	-	-	12,868
<b>Total other financing sources (uses)</b>	<b>(1,940,202)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>784,520</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,376,063</b>	<b>889,746</b>	<b>1,110,127</b>
<b>Net change in fund balance</b>	<b>(224,544)</b>	<b>959,739</b>	<b>(181,690)</b>	<b>51,696</b>	<b>1,435,014</b>	<b>229,604</b>	<b>2,269,819</b>
<b>Fund Balances - Beginning</b>	<b>6,098,905</b>	<b>1,099,422</b>	<b>992,221</b>	<b>10,381</b>	<b>1,156,220</b>	<b>1,134,441</b>	<b>10,491,590</b>
<b>Fund Balances - Ending</b>	<b>\$ 5,874,361</b>	<b>\$ 2,059,161</b>	<b>\$ 810,531</b>	<b>\$ 62,077</b>	<b>\$ 2,591,234</b>	<b>\$ 1,364,045</b>	<b>\$ 12,761,409</b>

The accompany notes are an integral part of this statement.

**CITY OF PETAL**  
**RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND**  
**BALANCES**  
**TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024**

Exhibit D-1

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds (Exhibit D)	\$ 2,269,819
1 Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which capital outlays exceeded depreciation.	
Capital Outlay	3,625,585
Depreciation	(1,161,827)
2 In the statement of activities, only the gain/loss on sale of assets is reported, while in the governmental funds, the proceeds from the sale increases financial resources. Thus, the change in net assets differs from the change in fund balance by the cost of the assets sold.	(10,534)
3 Debt proceeds provide current financial resources to governmental funds, but issuing debt increases long-term liabilities in the Statement of Net Assets. Repayment of debt principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the Statement of Net Assets. This is the amount that debt proceeds exceeded debt payments in the current period.	
Debt payments	1,472,790
Debt proceeds	(88,992)
4 Governmental funds report the effect of issuance costs and similar items when debt is first issued, whereas these amounts are deferred and amortized in the Statement of Activities. This is the net effect of these differences in the treatment of long-term debt and related items.	
Amortization of debt issuance cost	(65,950)
Amortization of premium debt refunding	(13,827)
5 Fine revenue recognized using the full accrual basis of accounting in the Statement of Activities do not provide current financial resources and are not reported as revenue in the funds.	22,150
6 Some expenses reported in the Statement of Activities do not require the use of current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds.	
Compensated absences	(15,266)
Accrued interest	7,566
7 Some items reported in the statement of activities relating to the implementation of GASB 68 are not reported in the governmental funds.	
Contributions subsequent to the measurement date	(171,271)
Recording of pension expense for the current period	(1,287,223)
Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities	<u>\$ 4,583,020</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

**CITY OF PETAL**  
**STATEMENT OF NET POSITION**  
**PROPRIETARY FUND**  
**SEPTEMBER 30, 2024**

Exhibit E

	Business-type Activities - Enterprise funds		
	Water and Sewer Fund	Solid Waste Fund	Totals
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 5,648,717	\$ 169,198	\$ 5,817,915
Customer receivables, net of allowance	27,899	6,788	34,687
Due from other funds	-	170,139	170,139
Unbilled revenue	370,750	98,914	469,664
Inventory, at cost	12,066	-	12,066
Restricted Assets			
Customer deposits	362,370	-	362,370
Land	21,993	-	21,993
Capital assets, net	13,165,084	14,802	13,179,886
Total Assets	<u>19,608,879</u>	<u>459,841</u>	<u>20,068,720</u>
<b>DEFERRED OUTFLOW OF RESOURCES</b>			
Deferred outflows related to pensions	263,045	-	263,045
Total deferred outflow of resources	<u>263,045</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>263,045</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Accounts Payable	132,684	88,737	221,421
Due to other funds	125,408	-	125,408
Customer deposits	345,745	-	345,745
Compensated absences	1,781	-	1,781
Noncurrent liabilities:			
Net pension liability	1,227,270	-	1,227,270
Total Liabilities	<u>1,832,888</u>	<u>88,737</u>	<u>1,921,625</u>
<b>DEFERRED INFLOW OF RESOURCES</b>			
Deferred inflows related to pensions	248,968	-	248,968
Total deferred inflow of resources	<u>248,968</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>248,968</u>
<b>NET POSITION</b>			
Net investment in capital assets	13,187,077	14,802	13,201,879
Unrestricted	4,602,991	356,302	4,959,293
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 17,790,068</u>	<u>\$ 371,104</u>	<u>\$ 18,161,172</u>

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**CITY OF PETAL**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND**  
**CHANGES IN FUND NET POSITION**  
**PROPRIETARY FUND**  
**FOR YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024**

Exhibit F

	<u>Business-type Activities - Enterprise funds</u>		
	<u>Water and Sewer Fund</u>	<u>Solid Waste Fund</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Operating revenues:			
Charges for services	\$ 3,401,678	\$ 1,135,484	\$ 4,537,162
Other fees and charges	305,381	31,066	336,447
Sewer treatment charges	574,996	-	574,996
	<u>4,282,055</u>	<u>1,166,550</u>	<u>5,448,605</u>
Operating expenses:			
Personnel services	98,749	-	98,749
Supplies and materials	203,440	-	203,440
Other services and charges	2,277,143	1,114,810	3,391,953
Interest expense and fees	-	-	-
Pension expense (recovery)	89,786	-	89,786
Depreciation and amortization	503,222	311	503,533
Bad debt expense	80,000	16,000	96,000
Total operating expenses	<u>3,252,340</u>	<u>1,131,121</u>	<u>4,383,461</u>
Operating income (loss)	1,029,715	35,429	1,065,144
Other sources (uses)			
Investment earnings	384,378	3,083	387,461
Other	(2,388)	105	(2,283)
Property taxes	-	33	33
Transfer to other funds	(985,329)	-	(985,329)
Gain (Loss) on disposal of assets	20,227	-	20,227
	<u>(583,112)</u>	<u>3,221</u>	<u>(579,891)</u>
Change in net position	446,603	38,650	485,253
Total net position - beginning	<u>17,343,465</u>	<u>332,454</u>	<u>17,675,919</u>
Total net position - ending	<u>\$ 17,790,068</u>	<u>\$ 371,104</u>	<u>\$ 18,161,172</u>

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**CITY OF PETAL**  
**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**  
**PROPRIETARY FUND**  
**FOR YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024**

Exhibit G

	Water and Sewer Fund	Solid Waste Fund	Totals
Cash flow from operating activities:			
Cash received from customers (excluding deposit)	4,239,552	1,175,372	\$ 5,414,924
Cash paid to suppliers	(2,475,803)	(1,184,383)	(3,660,186)
Cash paid to employees	(98,749)	-	(98,749)
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	<u>1,665,000</u>	<u>(9,011)</u>	<u>1,655,989</u>
Cash flow from noncapital financing activities:			
Transfer (to) from other funds	(985,329)	-	(985,329)
Net cash flows provided (used) by noncapital financing activities	<u>(985,329)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(985,329)</u>
Cash flow from capital financing activities:			
Interest paid	(665)	-	(665)
Payments on lease	-	-	-
Payments on loan	(199,381)	-	(199,381)
Net cash flows provided (used) by capital financing activities	<u>(200,046)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(200,046)</u>
Cash flow from investing activities:			
Purchase of assets	(446,177)	-	(446,177)
Sale of assets	31,000	-	31,000
Property taxes	-	33	33
Interest received	384,378	3,083	387,461
Net cash flows provided (used) by investing activities	<u>(30,799)</u>	<u>3,116</u>	<u>(27,683)</u>
Net increase (decrease) in cash for the year	448,826	(5,895)	442,931
Cash and restricted cash - October 1, 2023	<u>5,562,261</u>	<u>175,093</u>	<u>5,737,354</u>
Cash and restricted cash - September 30, 2024	<u>\$ 6,011,087</u>	<u>\$ 169,198</u>	<u>\$ 6,180,285</u>
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 5,648,717	\$ 169,198	\$ 5,817,915
Restricted cash	362,370	-	362,370
	<u>\$ 6,011,087</u>	<u>\$ 169,198</u>	<u>\$ 6,180,285</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

**CITY OF PETAL**  
**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**  
**PROPRIETARY FUND**  
**FOR YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024**

Exhibit G (continued)

RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING INCOME TO NET  
CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	Water and Sewer Fund	Solid Waste Fund	Totals
Operating income (loss)	\$ 1,029,715	\$ 35,429	\$ 1,065,144
Adjustments to reconcile operating income to net cash provided by operating activities:			
Pension expense (recovery)	89,786	-	89,786
Depreciation	503,222	311	503,533
Bad debt expense	80,000	16,000	96,000
(Increase) decrease in accounts receivable	(62,851)	(14,759)	(77,610)
(Increase) decrease in other assets	(14,704)	(112,385)	(127,089)
Increase (decrease) in other liabilities	35,053	-	35,053
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable	4,779	66,393	71,172
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>\$ 1,665,000</u>	<u>\$ (9,011)</u>	<u>\$ 1,655,989</u>
Other Required Disclosures:			
Interest paid	<u>\$ 665</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

**CITY OF PETAL**  
**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**  
**FIDUCIARY FUND**  
**SEPTEMBER 30, 2024**

Exhibit H

	<u>Agency Funds</u>
ASSETS	
Cash	\$       92
Due from other funds	25,734
Other assets	<u>3,502</u>
Total Assets	<u><u>\$ 29,328</u></u>
LIABILITIES	
Due to other funds	\$       220
Other liability	<u>29,108</u>
Total Liabilities	<u><u>\$ 29,328</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

***NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS***

***CITY OF PETAL***  
***NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS***  
***SEPTEMBER 30, 2024***

**NOTE 1- SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The accompanying financial statements of the city have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as prescribed by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB). GASB is the accepted standard-setting body for governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The most significant of the city's accounting policies are described below.

**A. Financial Reporting Entity**

The City of Petal is a municipal corporation that was incorporated in 1974 and is governed by an elected mayor and seven-member council. The city provides the following services: General Administration, Judicial, Public Safety, Culture and Recreation, Public Works, Water and Sewer Utility, and Solid Waste Collection.

The accompanying financial statements present the government and its blended component unit, entities for which the government is considered to be financially accountable. Blended component units, although legally separate entities, are, in substance, part of the government's operations.

Blended component unit.

The Petal Public Improvement Corporation is a tax exempt entity formed in 1992 to finance the construction of a multi-purpose center to be leased to the City and to fund other city improvements. The Board of Directors of Petal Public Improvement Corporation is composed of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Petal. The Petal Public Improvement Corporation is reported as a governmental fund.

Excluded from the reporting entity.

The City's financial reporting entity does not include the following entities, which are not component units of the City: Petal Municipal Separate School District, Pine Belt Regional Waste Authority, and Petal Police Auxiliary.

**B. Government-wide and Fund Financial Statements**

The City's basic financial statements consist of government-wide statements, including a statement of net position and a statement of activities, and fund financial statements, which provide a more detailed level of financial information.

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of net position and the statement of changes in net position) report information on all of the non-fiduciary activities of the primary government and its component units. Governmental activities, which normally are supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately from business-type activities, which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges for support.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segments are offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific service, program or department and therefore clearly identifiable to a particular function. Program revenues include 1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges by a given function or segment and 2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or segment. Taxes and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as general revenues.

***CITY OF PETAL***  
***NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS***  
***SEPTEMBER 30, 2024***

**NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (cont)**

Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds, proprietary funds, and fiduciary funds, even though the latter are excluded from the government-wide financial statements. Major individual governmental funds and major individual enterprise funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements.

The City reports the following major governmental funds:

General Fund – This is the City’s primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the City, except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

MIMA HB1 Fund – This special revenue fund is used to account for resources received pursuant to the Mississippi Infrastructure Modernization Act (House Bill 1), primarily derived from internet sales tax collections. The fund is restricted for infrastructure-related expenditures.

Recreation Fund – This fund is used to account for all recreational activities and related expenses.

American Rescue Plan Fund – This special revenue fund represents a federal grant received that will be used for future sewer improvement projects.

Capital Projects Reserve Fund – This capital projects fund is used to account for financial resources that have been set aside for the acquisition, construction, or improvement of infrastructure projects of the city.

All other governmental funds not meeting the criteria established for major funds are presented in the other governmental column of the fund financial statements.

The City reports the following fund types:

**GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**

- Special Revenue Funds – Special Revenue Funds are used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources (other than major capital projects) that are legally restricted for specific expenditure purposes.
- Debt Service Funds – Debt Service Funds are used to account for the accumulation of resources for, and the payment of, general long-term debt principal, interest and related costs.

**FIDUCIARY FUNDS**

- Agency Funds – Agency Funds are used to report resources held by the city in a purely custodial capacity (assets equal liabilities) and do not involve measurement of results of operations.

Additionally the City reports the following major proprietary funds:

Water and Sewer Enterprise Fund – Water and Sewer Enterprise Fund accounts for the activities of the City’s water and sewer operations.

Solid Waste Disposal – Solid Waste Disposal Fund accounts for the activities of the City’s solid waste collection and disposal operations.

**CITY OF PETAL**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**SEPTEMBER 30, 2024**

**NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (cont)**

**C. Measurement Focus, Basis Of Accounting, And Financial Statement Presentation**

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the *economic resources measurement focus* and the *accrual basis of accounting*, as are the proprietary fund and fiduciary fund financial statements. Revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Property taxes are recognized as revenues in the year for which they are levied. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the *current financial resources measurement focus* and the *modified accrual basis of accounting*. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be *available* when they are collectable within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the government considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures, as well as expenditures related to compensated absences and claims and judgments, are recorded only when payment is due.

Private-sector standards of accounting and financial reporting issued prior to December 1, 1989, generally are followed in both the government-wide and proprietary fund financial statements to the extent that those standards do not conflict with or contradict the guidance of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. Governments also have the *option* of following subsequent private-sector guidance for their business-type activities and enterprise funds, subject to the same limitation. The government has elected not to follow subsequent private-sector guidance.

As a general rule the effect of inter-fund activity has been eliminated from the government-wide financial statements. Exceptions to this general rule are payments-in-lieu of taxes and other charges between the government's water and sewer function and various other functions of the government. Elimination of these charges would distort the direct costs and program revenues reported for the various functions concerned.

Amounts reported as *program revenues* include 1) charges to customers or applicants for goods, services, or privileges provided, 2) operating grants and contributions, and 3) capital grants and contributions. Internally dedicated resources are reported as *general revenues* rather than as program revenues. Likewise, general revenues include all taxes.

Proprietary funds distinguish *operating* revenues and expenses from *non-operating* items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connections with a proprietary fund's principal ongoing operations. The principal operating revenues of the City's Water and Sewer Enterprise Fund and of the City's Solid Waste Enterprise Fund are charges to customers for sales and services. The City also recognizes as operating revenue the portion of tap fees intended to recover the cost of connecting new customers to the system. Operating expenses for enterprise funds include the cost of sales and services, administrative expenses, and depreciation on capital assets. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as non-operating revenues and expenses.

**D. Account Classification**

The account classifications used in the financial statements conform to the classifications prescribed in the *Financial Accounting Manual for Mississippi Municipalities* issued by the Office of the State Auditor.



***CITY OF PETAL***  
***NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS***  
***SEPTEMBER 30, 2024***

**NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (cont)**

**E. Encumbrances**

An encumbrance system is not maintained to account for commitments resulting from approved purchase orders, work orders or contracts.

**F. Assets, liabilities, deferred outflows/inflows, and net position/fund balances**

**1. Cash, Cash equivalents and Investments**

**Cash and cash equivalents**

The City deposits excess funds in the financial institutions selected by the board of alderman. State statutes specify how these depositories are to be selected.

Cash and cash equivalents consist of cash on hand, demand deposits and short-term investments with maturities of three months or less from the end of the fiscal year. Cash and cash equivalents are valued at cost.

**Investments**

The city is allowed, by statute, to invest excess funds in any bonds or other direct obligations of the United States of America or the state of Mississippi, or of any county or municipality of this state, when such county or municipal bonds have been properly approved; or in interest-bearing time certificates of deposit or interest-bearing accounts with any financial institution approved for the deposit of state funds; or in any type of investment permitted by sections 27-105-33(d) and 27-105-33(e), Miss. Code Ann. (1972).

For accounting purposes, demand deposits and short-term investments with maturities of three months or less from the end of the fiscal year are classified as cash and cash equivalents and are valued at cost.

**2. Receivables**

Activity between funds that are representative of lending/borrowing arrangements outstanding at the end of the fiscal year are referred to as with "due to/from other funds" (i.e., the current portion of inter-fund loans) or "advances to/from other funds" (i.e., the non-current portion of inter-fund loans). All other outstanding balances between funds are reported as "due to/from other funds." Any residual balances outstanding between the governmental activities and business-type activities are reported in the government-wide financial statements as "internal balances."

Advances between funds, as reported in the fund financial statements, are offset by a fund balance reserve account in applicable governmental funds to indicate that they are not available for appropriation and are not expendable available financial resources.

All trade receivables are shown net of an allowance for uncollectible. Trade accounts receivable in excess of 180 days comprise the trade accounts receivable allowance for uncollectible.

The valuation allowance for the General Fund Police Fines is based on the City's estimation of amounts that cannot be collected.

***CITY OF PETAL***  
***NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS***  
***SEPTEMBER 30, 2024***

**NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (cont)**

**3. Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources**

In addition to assets, the Statement of Net Position reports a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This represents a consumption of net position that applies to future periods and so is not recognized as an outflow of resources (expenditure/expense) until then. Currently the City has two items in this category, deferred outflows related to pensions and unamortized amount on debt refunding.

In addition to liabilities, the Statement of Net Position reports a separate section for deferred inflow of resources. This represents an acquisition of net position that applies to future periods and so is not recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. Currently the City has three items in this category, deferred inflows related to pensions, unamortized bond premiums and property taxes levied for the subsequent year. See Note 8 for further details.

**4. Inventories And Prepaid Items**

Certain payments to vendors reflect costs applicable to future accounting periods and are recorded as prepaid expenses in both governmental and fund financial statements. Prepaid items, such as prepaid insurance, are not reported for governmental fund types since the costs of such items are accounted for as expenditures in the period of acquisition.

**5. Restricted Assets**

Certain proceeds from the Water and Sewer's enterprise fund customer meter deposits are classified as restricted assets on the balance sheet because they are maintained in separate bank accounts and their use is limited to the terms of the customer refundable deposit agreement.

**6. Capital Assets**

Capital assets, which include property, plant, equipment, and infrastructure (e.g., roads, bridges, sidewalks, drainage systems, and similar items) are reported in the applicable governmental or business-type activities columns in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets, other than infrastructure assets, are defined by the government as assets with an initial, individual cost of more than \$5,000 (amount not rounded) and an estimated life in excess of two years. The capitalization threshold for buildings and improvements other than buildings is \$50,000 and \$25,000, respectfully. The government reports infrastructure assets on a network and subsystem basis. Accordingly, the amounts spent for the construction or acquisition of infrastructure assets are capitalized and reported in the government-wide financial statements regardless of their amount.

In the case of the initial capitalization of general infrastructure assets (i.e., those reported by governmental activities) the City chose to include all such items regardless of the acquisition date or amount. The City was able to estimate the historical cost for the initial reporting of these assets through back-trending (i.e., estimating the current replacement cost of the infrastructure to be capitalized and using an appropriate price-level index to deflate the cost to the acquisition year or estimated acquisition year). As the City constructs or acquires additional capital assets each period, including infrastructure assets, they are capitalized and reported at historical cost. The reported value excludes normal maintenance and repairs which are essentially amounts spent in relation to capital assets that do not increase the capacity or efficiency of the item or extend its useful life beyond the original estimate. In the case of donations, the government values these capital assets at the estimated fair value of the item at the date of its donation. No interest is capitalized on self-constructed capital assets of business-type activities because not capitalizing interest does not have a material effect on the City's financial statements.

**CITY OF PETAL**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**SEPTEMBER 30, 2024**

**NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (cont)**

Property, plant, and equipment of the City is depreciated using the straight line method over the following estimated useful lives, with a full year's depreciation expense taken for all purchases and sales of capital assets during the year. Land is not depreciated.

<u>Asset</u>	<u>Years</u>
Buildings	40
Improvements other than buildings	20
Public domain infrastructure (roads)	20
System infrastructure	20
Fire trucks	15
Heavy equipment	10
Furniture and fixtures	7
Vehicles and equipment	5
Computer equipment	3

**7. Compensated Absences**

It is the City's policy to permit employees to accumulate earned but unused vacation and sick pay benefits. There is no liability for unpaid accumulated sick leave since the City does not have a policy to pay any amounts when employees separate from service with the City. All vacation pay is accrued when incurred in the government-wide and proprietary fund financial statements. The City's full liability in the amount of \$73,822 for accumulated unpaid personal leave is reported as a liability in the City's Statement of Net Position. A liability for these amounts is reported in governmental funds only if they have matured, for example, as a result of employee resignations and retirements.

**8. Leases**

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) issued Statement No. 87, Leases to establish a single leasing model for accounting and reporting purposes. This guidance is intended to enhance the accountability, consistency and comparability of lease activities reported by governments. GASB 87 was implemented during fiscal year 2022. The City uses the estimated incremental borrowing rate to calculate the present value of lease payments when the implicit rate is not known.

**9. Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements**

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) issued Statement No. 96, Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements (SBITAs) to establish uniform accounting and financial reporting requirements for SBITAs, to improve comparability of financial statements among governments that have entered into SBITAs, and to enhance understandability, reliability, relevance and consistency of information about SBITAs. GASB 96 was implemented during fiscal year 2023.

**10. Long-Term Liabilities**

In the government-wide financial statements, and proprietary fund types in the fund financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the applicable governmental activities, business-type activities, or proprietary fund type statement of net position. Bond premiums and discounts, as well as issuance costs, are deferred and amortized over the life of the bonds. Bond issuance costs are reported as deferred charges and amortized over the term of the related debt.

***CITY OF PETAL***  
***NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS***  
***SEPTEMBER 30, 2024***

**NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (cont)**

In the fund financial statements, governmental fund types recognize bond premiums and discounts, as well as bond issuance costs, during the current period. The face amount of the debt issued is reported as other financing sources. Premiums received on debt issuances are reported as other financing sources while discounts on debt issuances are reported as other financing uses. Issuance costs, whether or not withheld from the actual debt proceeds received, are reported as debt service expenditures.

**11. Net Position and Fund Balances**

In government-wide financial statements, the difference between the City's total assets and total liabilities represents net position. Net position displays three components: net investment in capital assets; restricted net position (distinguished between major categories of restrictions); and unrestricted net position. Unrestricted net position represent the net position available for future operations.

Governmental fund balances are classified as nonspendable, restricted, committed, assigned, or unassigned. Nonspendable fund balance cannot be spent because of its form. Restricted fund balance has limitations imposed by creditors, grantors, or contributors, or by enabling legislation or constitutional provisions. Committed fund balance is a limitation imposed by a formal action of the City Board. Assigned fund balance is a limitation imposed by the intent of the City Board to use for a specific purpose, but are neither restricted nor committed. Unassigned fund balance is the net resources in excess of what can be properly classified in one of the above four categories.

Proprietary fund net assets are classified the same as in the government-wide statements.

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the City's policy to use the restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources as they are needed. When unrestricted resources are used, it is the policy of the City that committed amounts would be reduced first, followed by assigned amounts and then unassigned amounts. In both instances, when a proposed expenditure is made with specific balances identified as the source of the funding, that specific fund balance will be used.

**12. Property Tax Revenues**

Numerous statutes exist under which the Board of Aldermen may levy property taxes. The selection of authorities is made based on the objectives and responsibilities of the City. Restrictions associated with property tax levies vary with the statutory authority. The amount of increase in certain property taxes is limited by state law. Generally, this restriction provides that these tax levies shall produce no more than 110% of the amount which resulted from the assessments of the previous year.

The Board of Aldermen, each year at a meeting on or before September 15<sup>th</sup>, levies property taxes for the ensuing fiscal year which begins October 1. Property taxes attach as an enforceable lien as of the date of levy. Taxes on motor vehicles and mobile homes become a lien and are due in the month that coincides with the month of original purchase.

U. S. generally accepted accounting practices require property taxes to be recognized at the levy date if measurable and available. All property taxes are recorded as a receivable in the period levied but are recognized as revenue in the year for which they are levied. Motor vehicle and motor home taxes do not meet the measurability and collectibility criteria for property tax recognition because the lien and due date cannot be established until the date of original purchase occurs.

**CITY OF PETAL**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**SEPTEMBER 30, 2024**

**NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (cont)**

Section 35-57-1 et seq., Mississippi Code 1972, requires that the City levy and collect all taxes for and on behalf of the municipal separate school district. Section 39-3-7, Mississippi Code 1972, authorized the City to levy and collect a tax not in excess of three mills for the support of any public library system located within the municipality. Ad valorem taxes collected and settled in accordance with the above-noted statutory authorities are not recognized as revenues and expenditures of the City.

The City of Petal entered into an inter-local agreement with Forrest County contracting for the County to bill and collect the City's taxes. The County retains a 5% collection fee on automobile and mobile homes ad valorem and a 0.5% fee for real and personal property ad valorem collections. Lien dates for personal and real property are in August. Delinquent tax payments, received throughout the year, are recognized as revenue in the year received. The millage rates levied were:

	<u>September 30, 2024</u>
<u>City of Petal</u>	
General Fund	42.88
GO Bond Refunding	0.00
5.0 M GO Bond Debt Service	2.83
Library	0.50
Solid Waste	<u>0.00</u>
Total City Mills	<u>46.21</u>
 <u>Petal Municipal Separate School District</u>	
District Maintenance	55.00
School Building Program	2.65
School Shortfall Note	0.00
School Limited Tax Note	<u>1.71</u>
Total School District Mills	<u>59.36</u>

**13. Budgets And Budgetary Accounting**

The annual budget is adopted by the Board of Aldermen and filed with the taxing authority. Amendments can be made on the approval of the Board of Aldermen. By Statute, the final budget and tax levy must be adopted on or before September 15 for the following fiscal year.

Formal budgetary integration is employed as a management control device during the year. Mississippi laws require that municipalities budget governmental fund types on a modified-cash basis. Claims that have been incurred prior to the end of the year and that are paid within 30 days are recorded under the modified accrual basis. Prior year claims that are paid after 30 days revert to the cash basis. All revenue is accounted for under the cash basis. The required budgetary basis is therefore not considered a generally accepted accounting principal.

Proprietary funds are budgeted on a modified accrual basis. Modifications to the accrual basis include budgeting for capital expenditures, debt principal payments and for depreciation.

**14. Use of Estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

**CITY OF PETAL**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**SEPTEMBER 30, 2024**

**NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (cont)**

15. Recently Implemented and issued accounting pronouncements

In fiscal year 2024, the City implemented GASB Statement No. 100, Accounting Changes and Error Corrections, which enhances the accounting and financial reporting requirements for accounting changes and error corrections to provide more understandable, reliable, relevant, consistent, and comparable information for making decisions or assessing accountability. The implementation did not have any impact on reporting.

**NOTE 2- CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, AND INVESTMENTS**

Cash and Cash Equivalents.

The collateral for public entities' deposits in financial institutions are held in the name of the State Treasurer under a program established by the Mississippi State Legislature and is governed by Section 27-105-5, Miss. Code Ann. (1972). Under this program, the entity's funds are protected through a collateral pool administered by the State Treasurer. Financial institutions holding deposits of public funds must pledge securities as collateral against those deposits.

In the event of failure of a financial institution, securities pledged by that institution would be liquidated by the State Treasurer to replace the public deposits not covered by the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation.

The carrying amount of the City's deposits with financial institutions was \$18,913,825 and the bank balance was \$19,002,521.

*Custodial Credit Risk-Deposits.* Custodial credit risk is defined as the risk that, in the event of the failure of a financial institution, the city will not be able to recover deposits or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The city does not have a formal policy for custodial credit risk. However, the Mississippi State Treasurer manages that risk on behalf of the City. Deposits above FDIC coverage are collateralized by the pledging financial institutions trust department or agent in the name of the Mississippi State Treasurer on behalf of the town.

**NOTE 3- ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE AND ALLOWANCE ACCOUNT**

Receivables as of the year end for the City's individual major funds and non-major funds in the aggregate, including the applicable allowances for uncollectible accounts, are as follows:

	General	Other Governmental	Water & Sewer Enterprise	Solid Waste Enterprise	Total
Receivables:					
Accounts	\$ 154,411	\$ -	\$ 1,327,899	\$ 262,788	\$ 1,745,098
Court Fine Receivable	2,922,548	-	-	-	2,922,548
Property Tax Receivable	5,191,968	362,250	-	-	5,554,218
Intergovernmental	353,725	115,545	-	-	469,270
Gross Receivables	8,622,652	477,795	1,327,899	262,788	10,691,134
Less: allowance for uncollectables	(2,800,000)	-	(1,300,000)	(256,000)	(4,356,000)
Total net receivables	<u>\$ 5,822,652</u>	<u>\$ 477,795</u>	<u>\$ 27,899</u>	<u>\$ 6,788</u>	<u>\$ 6,335,134</u>

In addition, deferred inflows of resources, which are related to the receivables, consisted of the following at September 30.

	General	Other Governmental	Total
Property taxes levied for use in the subsequent year	<u>\$ 5,191,968</u>	<u>\$ 362,250</u>	<u>\$ 5,554,218</u>

**CITY OF PETAL**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**SEPTEMBER 30, 2024**

**NOTE 4- INTER-FUND TRANSACTIONS AND BALANCES**

Timing differences between the payments of expenses and collection of revenues for other funds and the subsequent reimbursements are reflected in the inter-fund accounts.

Transfers are used to 1) move revenues from the fund with collection authorization to the debt service fund as debt service principal and interest payments become due, 2) move restrictive amounts from borrowings to the debt service fund to establish mandatory reserve accounts, 3) move unrestricted general fund revenues to finance various programs that the government must account for in other funds in accordance with budgetary authorizations, including amounts provided as subsidies or matching funds for various grant programs.

Transfers In/Out:

<u>Transfers In</u>	<u>Transfers Out</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Capital Projects Reserve Fund	General Fund	\$ (2,000,000)
Other Governmental Funds	General Fund	(65,000)
Capital Projects Reserve Fund	Recreation Fund	(115,480)
Recreation Fund	Capital Projects Reserve Fund	(900,000)
Capital Projects Reserve Fund	Other Governmental Funds	(160,583)
Other Governmental Funds	Water and Sewer Fund	(985,329)
		<u>\$ (4,226,392)</u>

**NOTE 5- CAPITAL ASSETS**

The following is a summary of changes in capital assets for governmental activities:

<u>Governmental Activities</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>10/1/2023</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>9/30/2024</u>
Capital assets not being depreciated:				
Land and easements	\$ 613,225	4,925	-	618,150
Construction in Progress	-	-	-	-
Total assets not being depreciated	<u>613,225</u>	<u>4,925</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>618,150</u>
Capital assets being depreciated:				
Buildings	3,058,489	-	-	3,058,489
Improvements other than buildings	3,663,355	1,592,973	-	5,256,328
Equipment:				
Office & Other Equipment	375,961	-	-	375,961
Motor vehicles	2,949,917	34,200	56,679	2,927,438
Operating Equipment	2,125,402	145,600	-	2,271,002
Infrastructure	24,245,593	1,847,887	-	26,093,480
Total assets being depreciated	<u>36,418,717</u>	<u>3,620,660</u>	<u>56,679</u>	<u>39,982,698</u>
Totals at historical cost	<u>37,031,942</u>	<u>3,625,585</u>	<u>56,679</u>	<u>40,600,848</u>
Less accumulated depreciation				
Buildings	(1,176,173)	(60,008)	-	(1,236,181)
Improvements other than buildings	(1,715,308)	(142,368)	-	(1,857,676)
Equipment:				
Office & Other Equipment	(333,584)	(7,386)	-	(340,970)
Motor vehicles	(1,458,482)	(171,926)	(45,978)	(1,584,430)
Operating Equipment	(1,479,580)	(128,563)	-	(1,608,143)
Infrastructure	(10,405,059)	(651,576)	-	(11,056,635)
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>(16,568,186)</u>	<u>(1,161,827)</u>	<u>(45,978)</u>	<u>(17,684,035)</u>
Governmental activities capital assets, net	<u>\$ 20,463,756</u>	<u>\$ 2,463,758</u>	<u>\$ 10,701</u>	<u>\$22,916,813</u>

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**NOTE 5- CAPITAL ASSETS (cont)**

Depreciation expense was charged to the following governmental functions:

General government	\$ 6,129
Public Safety	214,415
Public Works, which includes the depreciation of general infrastructure assets	709,523
Culture and Recreation	231,760
Total governmental activities depreciation expense	<u>\$ 1,161,827</u>

The following is a summary of changes in capital assets for business-type activities:

Business-type Activities	Balance 10/1/2023	Additions	Deletions	Balance 9/30/2024
Capital assets not being depreciated:				
Land and easements	\$ 21,993	-	-	21,993
Construction in Progress	-	-	-	-
Total assets not being depreciated	<u>21,993</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>21,993</u>
Water and Sewer				
Capital assets being depreciated:				
Buildings	359,661	-	-	359,661
Improvements other than buildings	1,901	-	-	1,901
Office Furniture/Equipment	4,000	-	-	4,000
Water/Sewer systems	28,268,781	372,523	-	28,641,304
Vehicles	536,136	45,514	69,190	512,460
Operating Equipment	899,645	28,140	-	927,785
Total assets being depreciated	<u>30,070,124</u>	<u>446,177</u>	<u>69,190</u>	<u>30,447,111</u>
Totals at historical cost	<u>30,092,117</u>	<u>446,177</u>	<u>69,190</u>	<u>30,469,104</u>
Less accumulated depreciation				
Buildings	(128,698)	(8,201)	-	(136,899)
Improvements other than buildings	(1,901)	-	-	(1,901)
Office Furniture/Equipment	(3,600)	-	-	(3,600)
Water/Sewer systems	(15,757,700)	(419,280)	-	(16,176,980)
Vehicles	(253,999)	(40,331)	(41,292)	(253,038)
Operating Equipment	(674,199)	(35,410)	-	(709,609)
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>(16,820,097)</u>	<u>(503,222)</u>	<u>(41,292)</u>	<u>(17,282,027)</u>
Water and Sewer capital assets, net	<u>13,272,020</u>	<u>(57,045)</u>	<u>27,898</u>	<u>13,187,077</u>
Solid Waste:				
Capital assets being depreciated:				
Infrastructure	8,584	-	-	8,584
Operating Equipment	122,869	-	-	122,869
Vehicles	-	-	-	-
Total assets being depreciated	<u>131,453</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>131,453</u>
Less accumulated depreciation				
Infrastructure	(5,070)	(311)	-	(5,381)
Operating Equipment	(111,270)	-	-	(111,270)
Vehicles	-	-	-	-
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>(116,340)</u>	<u>(311)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(116,651)</u>
Solid Waste capital assets, net	<u>15,113</u>	<u>(311)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>14,802</u>
Total Business-type activities	<u>\$ 13,287,133</u>	<u>\$ (57,356)</u>	<u>\$ 27,898</u>	<u>\$13,201,879</u>



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**NOTE 6- LONG-TERM LIABILITIES**

The following is a summary of changes in long-term liabilities and other obligations for governmental activities:

	Balance 10/1/2023	Additions	Deletions	Balance 9/30/2024	Amount Due Within One Year
<b><u>GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS</u></b>					
General Obligation Refunding Bond, Series 2012 \$2.155M, 2.00%-2.375%, matures 2024	185,000	-	(185,000)	-	-
General Obligation Refunding Bond, Series 2015 \$3.1M, 2.0% - 3.0%, matures 2026	1,025,000	-	(330,000)	695,000	340,000
General Obligation W&S Refunding Bond, Series 2015 Refunding Series 2006 & 2007 W&S Revenue Bonds \$6.510M, 2.5% - 4.0%, matures 7/1/2032	875,000	-	(430,000)	445,000	445,000
General Obligation W&S Refunding Bond, Series 2022 Refunding Series 2015 W&S Revenue Bonds \$6.510M, 2.5% - 4.0%, matures 7/1/2032	5,661,000	-	(61,000)	5,600,000	63,000
General Obligation W&S Refunding Bond, Series 2016 Refunding Series 2006 & 2007 W&S Revenue Bonds \$4.885M, 2.0% - 4.0%, matures 7/1/2027	1,246,000	-	(295,000)	951,000	305,000
	<u>\$ 8,992,000</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (1,301,000)</u>	<u>\$ 7,691,000</u>	<u>\$ 1,153,000</u>
<b><u>FINANCED PURCHASES</u></b>					
Police Car Lease 2.21%, matures 5/3/2026	286,540	-	(93,412)	193,128	95,498
Police Equipment 0.00%, matures 6/24/2029	-	88,992	-	88,992	22,248
Fire Truck Lease 1.8%, matures 9/28/2025	158,167	-	(78,378)	79,789	79,789
	<u>\$ 444,707</u>	<u>\$ 88,992</u>	<u>\$ (171,790)</u>	<u>\$ 361,909</u>	<u>\$ 197,535</u>
TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL PURPOSE DEBT	<u>\$ 9,436,707</u>	<u>\$ 88,992</u>	<u>\$ (1,472,790)</u>	<u>\$ 8,052,909</u>	<u>\$ 1,350,535</u>

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**NOTE 6- LONG-TERM LIABILITIES (cont)**

The following is a summary of changes in long-term liabilities and other obligations for proprietary activities:

	Balance 10/1/2023	Additions	Deletions	Balance 9/30/2024	Amount Due Within One Year
<b><u>Emergency SRF Loan</u></b>					
SRF Loan	\$ 199,381	\$ -	\$ (199,381)	\$ -	\$ -
4.00%, matures 10/1/2028	\$ 199,381	\$ -	\$ (199,381)	\$ -	\$ -
 BUSINESS-TYPE ACTIVITY DEBT	 \$ 199,381	 \$ -	 \$ (199,381)	 \$ -	 \$ -
	<b><u>\$ 9,636,088</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 88,992</u></b>	<b><u>\$ (1,672,171)</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 8,052,909</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 1,350,535</u></b>

**Governmental Activities Long-Term Debt**

**General Obligation Refunding Bonds**

On February 24, 2015, the City issued GO refunding bonds, Series 2015 in amount of \$3,100,000 with interest rate of 2%-3% to advance refund GO Series 2006. As a result all except \$235,000 of the Series 6, GO Bonds are considered defeased. Debt service requirements for the old debt totals \$4,245,880; debt service for the new debt will be \$3,907,350, resulting in a cash flow savings of \$338,530 and a net present value savings of \$258,030.

The following is a schedule by years of the total payments due on this debt:

<b><u>\$3.1M GO Refunding Series 2015</u></b>		
	<b><u>Principal</u></b>	<b><u>Interest</u></b>
2025	340,000	20,850
2026	355,000	10,650
	<b><u>\$ 695,000</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 31,500</u></b>

**General Obligation Water and Sewer Refunding Bonds**

On April 9, 2015, the City issued GO Water and Sewer refunding bonds, Series 2015 in amount of \$6,510,000 with interest rate of 2.5% -4.00% to partially advance refund \$4,707,335 of outstanding water and sewer revenue bonds series 2006 with interest rates of 4.0% to 7.00% and to partially advance refund \$2,230,503 of outstanding water and sewer revenue bonds series 2007 with interest rates of 4.0% to 5.0%.

On February 9, 2016, the City issued GO Water and Sewer refunding bonds, Series 2016 in amount of \$4,885,000 with interest rate of 2% - 3% to refund the remainder of the 2006 series and 2007 series water and sewer bonds.

On April 21, 2022 the City issued GO Refunding Bonds, Series 2022 in amount of \$5,774,000 with interest rate of 2.130% for the purpose of providing funds for advance refunding and defeasing of a portion of the \$6,510,000 GO Water and Sewer Refunding Bonds Series 2015, dated April 9, 2015.

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**NOTE 6- LONG-TERM LIABILITIES (cont)**

The following is a schedule by years of the total bond payments due on these refunding bonds combined:

<u>\$6,510,000 GO W &amp; S Refunding Bonds, Series 2015</u>		
	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>
2025	445,000	17,800
2026	-	-
2027	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>\$ 445,000</u>	<u>\$ 17,800</u>

<u>\$4.885M GO W &amp; S Refunding Bonds, Series 2016</u>		
	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>
2025	305,000	34,950
2026	315,000	25,800
2027	331,000	13,200
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>\$ 951,000</u>	<u>\$ 73,950</u>

<u>\$5,774,000 GO WS Refunding Bond Series 2022</u>		
	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>
2025	63,000	119,280
2026	564,000	93,022
2027	579,000	83,546
2028	954,000	73,819
2029	975,000	57,792
5 year	2,465,000	73,248
	<u>\$ 5,600,000</u>	<u>\$ 500,707</u>

Financed Purchases

The City currently has three outstanding financed purchase obligations. These include separate leases for police vehicles, police equipment, and fire truck. These leases vary in length and interest rates.

The following is a schedule by years of the total lease payments due on these leases combined:

<u>Fire Truck Lease</u>		
	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>
2025	79,789	1,436
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>\$ 79,789</u>	<u>\$ 1,436</u>

<u>Police Car</u>		
	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>
2025	95,498	4,312
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>\$ 95,498</u>	<u>\$ 4,312</u>

<u>Police equipment</u>		
	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>
2025	22,248	-
2026	22,248	-
2027	22,248	-
2028	22,248	-
	<u>88,992</u>	<u>-</u>

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**NOTE 6- LONG-TERM LIABILITIES (cont)**

Business Type Activities Long-Term Debt

The water and sewer revenue bonds series 2006 and series 2007 were partially refunded with general obligation bonds in April 2015. The balance of these revenue bonds were refunded with general obligation bonds in April 2016. These refunding issues remove the liability from the water and sewer fund to the governmental activities. Water and Sewer revenues are pledged on the 2015 Series. The City plans to meet these general obligations with operating transfers from the water and sewer revenue.

Compensated Absences Payable

As more fully explained in Note 1(P), compensated absences payable is adjusted on an annual basis. Compensated absences will be paid from the fund from which the employee's salaries were paid.

**NOTE 7-LIMITATIONS ON INDEBTEDNESS**

Presented below is Section 21-33-303 Mississippi Code:

No municipality shall hereafter issue bonds secured by a pledge of its full faith and credit for the purposes authorized by law in an amount which, when added to the then outstanding bonded indebtedness of such municipality, shall exceed either (a) fifteen percent (15%) of the assessed value of the taxable property within such municipality, according to the last completed assessment for taxation, or (b) ten percent (10%) of the assessment upon which taxes were levied for its fiscal year ending September 30, 1984, whichever is greater. In computing such indebtedness, there may be deducted all bonds or other evidences of indebtedness, heretofore or hereafter issued, for school, water, sewerage systems, gas, and light and power purposes and for the construction of special improvements primarily chargeable to the property benefited, or for the purpose of paying the municipality's proportion of any betterment program, a portion of which is primarily chargeable to the property benefited. However, in no case shall any municipality contract any indebtedness which, when added to all of the outstanding general obligation indebtedness, both bonded and floating shall exceed either (a) twenty percent (20%) of the assessed value of all taxable property within such municipality according to the last completed assessment for taxation or (b) fifteen percent (15%) of the assessment upon which taxes are levied for its fiscal year ending September 30, 1984, whichever is greater. Nothing herein contained shall be construed to apply to contract obligations in any form heretofore or hereafter incurred by any municipality which are subject to annual appropriations therefore, or to bonds heretofore issued by any municipality for school purposes, or to contract obligations in any form heretofore or hereafter incurred by any municipality which are payable exclusively from the revenues of any municipally-owned utility, or to bonds issued by any municipality under the provisions of Section 57-1-1 through 57-1-51 or to any special assessment improvement bonds issued by any municipality under the provisions of Sections 21-41-1 through 21-41-53, or to any indebtedness incurred under Section 55-23-8.

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**NOTE 7-LIMITATIONS ON INDEBTEDNESS (Cont)**

The following is a schedule of limitations on the indebtedness of the City at September 30, 2024:

Authorized Debt Limit	<u>15 Percent</u>	<u>20 Percent</u>
Assessed valuation at fiscal year ended September 30, 2024 (\$133,613,155)	\$ 20,041,973	\$ 26,722,631
Present debt subject to 15% limitation	(695,000)	-
Present debt subject to 20% limitation including debt subject to 15% limitation	<u>-</u>	<u>(8,052,909)</u>
Margin for further debt under respective limits	<u>\$ 19,346,973</u>	<u>\$ 18,669,722</u>

**NOTE 8-DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN**

**General Information about the Pension Plan**

*Plan Description.* The City contributes to the Public Employees' Retirement System of Mississippi (PERS), a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan. PERS provides retirement and disability benefits, annual cost-of-living adjustments, and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. Plan provisions and the Board of Trustees' authority to determine contribution rates are established by Miss. Code Ann. Section 25-11-1 et seq., (1972, as amended) and may be amended only by the Mississippi Legislature. PERS issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. That report is available at [www.pers.ms.gov](http://www.pers.ms.gov).

*Benefits provided.* Membership in PERS is a condition of employment granted upon hiring for qualifying employees and officials of the State of Mississippi, state universities, community and junior colleges, and teachers and employees for the public school districts. For those persons employed by political subdivisions and instrumentalities of the State of Mississippi, membership is contingent upon approval of the entity's participation in PERS by the PERS' Board of Trustees. If approved membership for the entity's employees is a condition of employment and eligibility is granted to those who qualify upon hiring. Participating members who are vested and retire at or after age 60 or those who retire regardless of age with at least 30 years of creditable service (25 years of creditable service for employees who became members of PERS before July 1, 2011) are entitled, upon application, to an annual retirement allowance payable monthly for life in an amount equal to 2.0 percent of their average compensation for each year of creditable service up to and including 30 years (25 years for those who became members of PERS before July 1, 2011), plus 2.5 percent for each additional year of creditable service with an actuarial reduction in the benefit for each year of creditable service below 30 years or the number of years in age that the member is below 65, whichever is less. Average compensation is the average of the employee's earnings during the four highest compensated years of creditable service. Benefits vest upon completion of eight years of membership service (four years of membership service for those who became members of PERS before July 1, 2007). PERS also provides certain death and disability benefits. A Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) payment is made to eligible retirees and beneficiaries. The COLA is equal to 3.0 percent of the annual retirement allowance for each full fiscal year of retirement up to the year in which the retired member reaches age 60 (55 for those who became members of PERS before July 1, 2011), with 3.0 percent compounded for each fiscal year thereafter.

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**NOTE 8-DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN (cont)**

*Contributions.* PERS members are required to contribute 9.00% of their annual covered salary, and the City is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. The employer's rate as of September 30, 2024 was 17.90% of annual covered payroll. Plan provisions and the Board of Trustees' authority to determine contribution rates are established by Section 25-11-1 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, and may be amended only by the Mississippi Legislature. The City's contributions to PERS for the fiscal years ending September 30, 2024, 2023, and 2022 were \$729,919, \$712,156, and \$751,195, respectively, which equaled the required contributions for each year.

**Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions**

At September 30, 2024, the City reported a liability of \$14,040,068 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2024 and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The City's proportion of the net pension liability was based on a projection of the City's long-term share of contribution to the pension plan relative to projected contributions of all participating entities, actuarially determined. The City's proportionate share used to calculate the September 30, 2024 net pension liability was 0.05406800 percent, which was based on a measurement date of June 30, 2024. This was a decrease of 0.00454900 percent from its proportionate share used to calculate the September 30, 2023 net pension liability, which was based on a measurement date of June 30, 2023.

For the year ended September 30, 2024, the City recognized pension expense of \$2,262,275. At September 30, 2024, the City reported deferred outflows and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 825,191	\$ -
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	227,783	-
Changes of assumptions	1,124,371	-
Change in proportionate share	-	3,077,474
City contributions subsequent to the measurement date	<u>171,271</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>\$ 2,348,616</u>	<u>\$ 3,077,474</u>

\$171,271 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from the entity's contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction to the net pension liability in the year ended September 30, 2025. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year ended September 30:	
	2025 (502,160)
	2026 154,796
	2027 (428,306)
	2028 (124,459)
	2029 -
	<u>\$ (900,129)</u>

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**NOTE 8-DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN (cont)**

*Actuarial assumptions.* The total pension liability was determined by actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2023 and a measurement date determined of June 30, 2024 using standard rollforward techniques, using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation	2.40 percent
Salary increases	2.65 – 17.90 percent, including inflation
Investment rate of return	7.00 percent, net of pension plan investment expense, including inflation

Mortality rates were based on the PubS.H-2010(B) Retiree Table with the following adjustments. For males, 95% of male rates up to age 60, 110% for ages 61 to 75 and 101% for ages above 77. For females, 84% of the female rates up to age 72 and 100% for ages above 76. Mortality rates for disability retirees were based on the PubG.H-2010 Disabled Table adjusted 134% for males and 121% for females. Mortality rates for Contingent Annuitants were based on PubS.H-2010(B) Contingent Annuitant Table, adjusted 97% for males and 110% for females. Mortality rates will be projected generationally using the MP-2020 projection scale to account for future improvements in life expectancy.

The actuarial assumptions are based on the experience study for the four-year period ending June 30, 2022.

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a log-normal distribution analysis in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected nominal returns, net of pension plan investment expense and the assumed rate of inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation.

The target asset allocation and best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class as of June 30, 2024, are summarized in the following table:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Allocation</u>	<u>Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return</u>
Domestic Equity	25.00 %	5.15 %
International Equity	20.00	5.00
Global Equity	12.00	5.15
Debt Securities	18.00	2.75
Real Estate	10.00	3.50
Private Equity	10.00	6.25
Infrastructure	2.00	3.85
Private Credit	2.00	4.90
Cash Equivalents	1.00	0.50
	<u>100.00 %</u>	

*Discount rate.* The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.00 percent, net of pension plan investment expense. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that plan member contributions will be made at the current contribution rate and that employer contributions will be made at the current contribution rate. Based on those assumptions, the pension plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

*Sensitivity of the City's proportionate share of the net pension liability to changes in the discount rate.*

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**NOTE 8-DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN (cont)**

The following presents the City's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 7.00 percent, as well as what the City's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (6.00 percent) or 1-percentage-point higher (8.00 percent) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease (6.00%)	Current Discount Rate (7.00%)	1% Increase (8.00%)
City's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 18,197,971	\$ 14,040,068	\$ 10,637,139

*Pension plan fiduciary net position.* Detailed information about the pension plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued PERS financial report.

**NOTE 9-COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES**

Federal Grants

The City has received federal grants for specific purposes that are subject to audit by the grantor agencies. Entitlements to these revenues are generally conditioned upon compliance with the terms and conditions of grant agreements and applicable federal regulations, including the expenditure of resources for allowable purposes. Any disallowance resulting from a grantor audit may become a liability of the city. No provision for any liability that may result has been recognized in the city's financial statements.

CSLFRF (American Rescue Plan Fund)

The City has received \$3,543,650 in Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (CSLFRF) and has spent \$3,254,168 of these funds as of September 30, 2024. The unspent balance is recorded as a liability (unearned revenue) and will be recognized as revenue when the funds are expended.

**NOTE 10-RISK MANAGEMENT**

The City is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters.

Except as described below, the City carries commercial insurance for these risks. Settled claims resulting from these insured risks have not exceeded commercial insurance coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

Participation in Public Entity Risk Pool:

The City participates in the Mississippi Municipal Liability Plan (MMLD), an insurance-purchasing pool. The City, along with other municipalities as a group, purchased insurance to insure against losses related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; and natural disasters. Settled claims resulting from these insured risks have not exceeded the City's insurance coverage since it joined the pool.

The City is a member of the Mississippi Municipal Workers Compensation Group (MMWCG). The group is a risk-sharing pool; such a pool is frequently referred to as a self-insurance pool. MMWCG covers risks of loss arising from injuries to the City's employees.



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**NOTE 10-RISK MANAGEMENT**

The Mississippi Workers' Compensation Commission requires that an indemnity agreement be executed by each member in a workers' compensation self-insurance pool for the purpose of jointly and severally binding the pool and each of the employers comprising the group to meet the workers' compensation obligations of each member. Each member of the MMWCG contributes quarterly to a fund held in trust. The funds in the trust account are used to pay any claim up to \$250,000.

For a claim exceeding \$250,000, MMWCG has insurance, which will pay the excess up to the statutory limit. If total claims during a year were to deplete the trust account, then the pool members would be required to pay for the deficiencies. The City has not had an additional assessment for excess losses incurred by the pool.

**NOTE 11-MISSISSIPPI MUNICIPAL COMPLIANCE QUESTIONNAIRE**

The Mississippi Compliance Questionnaire was completed and entered into the minutes as prescribed by law. A review of the questionnaire revealed that all items were answered yes or not applicable.

**NOTE 12-SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

Events that occur after the Statement of Net Assets date but before the financial statements are available to be issued must be evaluated for recognition or disclosure. The effects of subsequent events that provide evidence about conditions that existed at the Statement of Assets date are recognized in the accompanying financial statements. Subsequent events which provide evidence about conditions which existed after the Statement of Assets date require disclosure in the accompanying notes. Management of City of Petal evaluated the activity of the City through July 10, 2025 (date financial statements were available) and determined that the following subsequent events require disclosure in the notes to the financial statements.

***REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION***

**Schedule 1A**

**CITY OF PETAL**  
**BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE FOR THE GENERAL FUND**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024**

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual (Budgetary Basis)	Variances Positive (Negative)	
	Original	Final		Original to Final	Final to Actual
REVENUES					
Property taxes	\$ 5,611,805	\$ 5,611,805	\$ 5,897,379	\$ -	\$ 285,574
License and permits	702,500	729,396	851,712	26,896	122,316
Intergovernmental revenues	3,625,100	3,625,100	3,705,877	-	80,777
Charges for services	11,000	11,000	24,813	-	13,813
Fines and forfeitures	175,000	175,000	203,025	-	28,025
Other	33,600	65,804	585,485	32,204	519,681
TOTAL REVENUES	10,159,005	10,218,105	11,268,291	59,100	1,050,186
EXPENDITURES					
General Government	1,269,805	1,269,805	1,133,968	-	135,837
Judicial Department	337,692	337,692	283,245	-	54,447
Police Department	2,852,416	2,865,445	2,742,281	(13,029)	123,164
Fire Department	2,811,006	2,827,156	2,742,014	(16,150)	85,142
Building Inspection	351,330	351,330	291,411	-	59,919
Street Department	2,071,349	2,101,271	2,037,581	(29,922)	63,690
Recreation	-	-	-	-	-
Senior/Cultural Center	133,966	133,966	125,667	-	8,299
Civic Center	87,700	87,700	65,877	-	21,823
Debt service:	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	9,915,264	9,974,365	9,422,044	(59,101)	552,321
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES					
	243,741	243,740	1,846,247	(1)	1,602,507
Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(283,741)	(2,065,000)	(2,065,000)	(2,348,741)	-
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	\$ (40,000)	\$ (1,821,260)	(218,753)	\$ (2,348,742)	\$ 1,602,507
Adjustments to GAAP Basis					
Revenue Accruals			(132,182)		
Expense Accruals			126,391		
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE - GAAP BASIS					
			(224,544)		
FUND BALANCE-BEGINNING					
			6,098,905		
FUND BALANCE-ENDING					
			\$ 5,874,361		

The notes to the required supplementary information are an integral part of this schedule.

## Schedule 1B

**CITY OF PETAL**  
**BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE FOR THE MIMA HB1 FUND**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024**

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual (Budgetary Basis)	Variances Positive (Negative)	
	Original	Final		Original to Final	Final to Actual
REVENUES					
Intergovernmental revenues	\$ 893,000	\$ 893,000	\$ 952,611	\$ -	\$ 59,611
Other	<u>500</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>87,892</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>87,392</u>
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>893,500</u>	<u>893,500</u>	<u>1,040,503</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>147,003</u>
EXPENDITURES					
Road/Bridge Improvements	<u>-</u>	<u>81,000</u>	<u>80,764</u>	<u>(81,000)</u>	<u>236</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>-</u>	<u>81,000</u>	<u>80,764</u>	<u>(81,000)</u>	<u>236</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	893,500	812,500	959,739	(81,000)	147,239
Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	<u>\$ 893,500</u>	<u>\$ 812,500</u>	959,739	<u>\$ (81,000)</u>	<u>\$ 147,239</u>
Adjustments to GAAP Basis					
Revenue Accruals			-		
Expense Accruals			<u>-</u>		
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE - GAAP BASIS			959,739		
FUND BALANCE-BEGINNING			<u>1,099,422</u>		
FUND BALANCE-ENDING			<u>\$ 2,059,161</u>		

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Schedule 1C

**CITY OF PETAL**  
**BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE FOR THE RECREATION FUND**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024**

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual (Budgetary Basis)	Variances Positive (Negative)	
	Original	Final		Original to Final	Final to Actual
REVENUES					
Intergovernmental revenues	\$ 1,080,000	\$ 1,390,000	\$ 1,415,000	\$ 310,000	\$ 25,000
Charges for services	100,000	110,030	86,014	10,030	(24,016)
Other	<u>300</u>	<u>300</u>	<u>33,340</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>33,040</u>
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>1,180,300</u>	<u>1,500,330</u>	<u>1,534,354</u>	<u>320,030</u>	<u>34,024</u>
EXPENDITURES					
Civic center	56,652	-	-	56,652	-
Culture and recreation	<u>2,385,648</u>	<u>2,761,753</u>	<u>2,625,061</u>	<u>(376,105)</u>	<u>136,692</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>2,442,300</u>	<u>2,761,753</u>	<u>2,625,061</u>	<u>(319,453)</u>	<u>136,692</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES					
	(1,262,000)	(1,261,423)	(1,090,707)	577	170,716
Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>1,262,000</u>	<u>1,262,000</u>	<u>900,000</u>	<u>2,524,000</u>	<u>362,000</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 577</u>	(190,707)	<u>\$ 2,524,577</u>	<u>\$ 532,716</u>
Adjustments to GAAP Basis					
Revenue Accruals			9,017		
Expense Accruals			<u>-</u>		
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE - GAAP BASIS					
			(181,690)		
FUND BALANCE-BEGINNING					
			<u>992,221</u>		
FUND BALANCE-ENDING					
			<u>\$ 810,531</u>		

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## Schedule 1D

**CITY OF PETAL**  
**BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE FOR THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUND**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024**

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual (Budgetary Basis)	Variances Positive (Negative)	
	Original	Final		Original to Final	Final to Actual
REVENUES					
Intergovernmental revenues	\$ -	\$ 929,823	\$ 929,824	\$ 929,823	\$ 1
Other	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>51,696</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>50,696</u>
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>1,000</u>	<u>930,823</u>	<u>981,520</u>	<u>929,823</u>	<u>50,697</u>
EXPENDITURES					
Sewer Improvements	-	897,000	821,979	(897,000)	75,021
Water Improvements	897,000	665,421	665,421	231,579	-
Stormwater Improvements	<u>-</u>	<u>141,000</u>	<u>140,771</u>	<u>(141,000)</u>	<u>229</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>897,000</u>	<u>1,703,421</u>	<u>1,628,171</u>	<u>(806,421)</u>	<u>75,250</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES					
	(896,000)	(772,598)	(646,651)	123,402	125,947
Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	<u><u>\$ (896,000)</u></u>	<u><u>\$ (772,598)</u></u>	(646,651)	<u><u>\$ 123,402</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 125,947</u></u>
Adjustments to GAAP Basis					
Revenue Accruals			698,347		
Expense Accruals			<u>-</u>		
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE - GAAP BASIS			51,696		
FUND BALANCE-BEGINNING			<u>10,381</u>		
FUND BALANCE-ENDING			<u>\$ 62,077</u>		

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Schedule 1E

**CITY OF PETAL**  
**BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE FOR THE CAPITAL PROJECTS RESERVE FUND**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024**

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual (Budgetary Basis)	Variances Positive (Negative)	
	Original	Final		Original to Final	Final to Actual
<b>REVENUES</b>					
Intergovernmental revenues	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other	-	-	58,951	-	58,951
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	-	-	58,951	-	58,951
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>					
Sewer Improvements	-	-	-	-	-
Water Improvements	-	-	-	-	-
Stormwater Improvements	-	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES</b>					
	-	-	58,951	-	58,951
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>	(858,494)	(858,494)	1,376,063	(1,716,988)	(2,234,557)
<b>NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE</b>	<u>\$ (858,494)</u>	<u>\$ (858,494)</u>	1,435,014	<u>\$ (1,716,988)</u>	<u>\$ (2,175,606)</u>
<b>Adjustments to GAAP Basis</b>					
Revenue Accruals			-		
Expense Accruals			-		
<b>NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE - GAAP BASIS</b>			1,435,014		
<b>FUND BALANCE-BEGINNING</b>			1,156,220		
<b>FUND BALANCE-ENDING</b>			<u>\$ 2,591,234</u>		

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**City of Petal**  
**Required Supplementary Information**

Schedule of the City's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability  
PERS  
Last 10 Fiscal Years\*

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
City's proportion of the net pension liability	0.0541%	0.0590%	0.0610%	0.0610%	0.0620%	0.0660%	0.0626%	0.0559%	0.056%	0.056%
City's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 14,040,068	\$ 14,839,279	\$ 12,556,020	\$ 9,016,067	\$ 12,002,480	\$ 11,610,702	\$ 10,413,569	\$ 9,289,651	\$ 10,002,998	\$ 8,656,496
City's covered - employee payroll	\$ 4,194,937	\$ 4,092,851	\$ 4,317,213	\$ 4,077,333	\$ 4,076,598	\$ 4,318,020	\$ 4,135,771	\$ 3,638,248	\$ 3,530,952	\$ 3,500,889
City's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered - employee payroll	334.691%	362.566%	290.836%	221.127%	294.424%	268.890%	251.793%	255.333%	283.295%	247.266%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	56.297%	55.699%	59.934%	70.437%	58.974%	61.588%	62.535%	61.490%	57.468%	61.704%

\* The amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of the measurement date of 6/30.

This schedule is presented to illustrate the requirement to show information for 10 years.  
GASB Statement No. 68 was implemented in FYE 6/30/15 and the City has compiled a  
full 10-year trend.

The notes to the required supplementary information are an integral part of this schedule.



**City of Petal**  
**Required Supplementary Information**

**Schedule of the City's Contributions**  
**PERS**  
**Last 10 Fiscal Years\***

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Contractually required contribution	\$ 729,919	\$ 712,156	\$ 751,195	\$ 709,456	\$ 709,328	\$ 697,792	\$ 651,384	\$ 573,024	\$ 556,125	\$ 551,390
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	729,919	712,156	751,195	709,456	709,328	697,792	651,384	573,024	556,125	551,390
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
City's covered - employee payroll	4,194,937	4,092,851	4,317,213	4,077,333	4,076,598	4,318,020	4,135,771	3,638,248	3,530,952	3,500,889
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	17.40%	17.40%	17.40%	17.40%	17.40%	16.16%	15.75%	15.75%	15.75%	15.75%

This schedule is presented to illustrate the requirement to show information for 10 years.  
GASB Statement No. 68 was implemented in FYE 6/30/15 and the City has compiled a full 10-year trend.

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**CITY OF PETAL**  
**NOTES TO THE REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024**

Budgetary Comparison Schedules

- 1) Basis of Presentation. The Budgetary Comparison Schedule presents the original legally adopted budget, the final legally adopted budget, the actual data on the budget basis and variances between the final budget and the actual data.
- 2) The budget is adopted by the Board of Alderman. Amendments can be made of the approval of the Board. A budgetary comparison is presented for the major governmental funds consistent with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America
- 3) Section 21-35-15, Mississippi Code (Ann. 1972) explains that expenditures shall be kept within the budget "except for capital outlay."

Pension Schedules

(1) *Changes of assumptions*

2015:

The expectation of retired life mortality was changed to the RP-2014 Healthy Annuitant Blue Collar Table projected to 2016 using Scale BB rather than the RP-2000 Mortality Table, which was used prior to 2015.

The expectation of disabled mortality was changed to the RP-2014 Disabled Retiree Table, rather than the RP-2000 Disabled Mortality Table, which was used prior to 2015.

Withdrawal rates, pre-retirement mortality rates, disability rates and service retirement rates were also adjusted to more closely reflect actual experience.

Assumed rates of salary increase were adjusted to more closely reflect actual and anticipated experience.

The price inflation and investment rate of return assumptions were changed from 3.50% to 3.00% and 8.00% to 7.75%, respectively.

2016:

The assumed rate of interest credited to employee contributions was changed from 3.50% to 2.00%.

2017:

The expectation of retired life mortality was changed to the RP-2014 Healthy Annuitant Blue Collar Mortality Table projected with Scale BB to 2022. Small adjustments were also made to the Mortality Table for disabled lives.

The wage inflation assumption was reduced from 3.75% to 3.25%.

Withdrawal rates, pre-retirement mortality rates, disability rates and service retirement rates were also adjusted to more closely reflect actual experience.

The percentage of active member disabilities assumed to be in the line of duty was increased from 6% to 7%.

2019:

The expectation of retired life mortality was changed to the PubS.H-2010(B) Retiree Table with the following adjustments: for males, 112% of male rates from ages 18 to 75 scaled down to 105% for ages 80 to 119; for females, 85% of the female rates from ages 18 to 65 scaled up to 102% for ages 75 to 119; and projection scale MP-2018 will be used to project future improvements in life expectancy generationally.

The expectation of disabled mortality was changed to PubT.H-2010 Disabled Retiree Table for disabled retirees with the following adjustments; for males, 137% of male rates at all ages; for females, 115% of female rates at all ages; and projection scale MP-2018 will be used to project future improvements in life expectancy generationally.

**CITY OF PETAL**  
**NOTES TO THE REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024**

The price inflation assumption was reduced from 3.00% to 2.75%. The wage inflation assumption was reduced from 3.25% to 3.00%.

Withdrawal rates, pre-retirement mortality rates, and service retirement rates were also adjusted to more closely reflect actual experience.

The percentage of active member disabilities assumed to be in the line of duty was increased from 7% to 9%.

**2021:**

The expectation of retired life mortality was changed to the PubS.H-2010(B) Retiree Table with the following adjustments: for males, 95% of male rates up to age 60, 110% for ages 61 to 75 and 101% for ages above 77; for females, 84% of the female rates up to age 72, 100% for ages above 76; and projection scale MP-2020 will be used to project future improvements in life expectancy generationally.

The expectation of disabled mortality was changed to PubG.H-2010 Disabled Table for disabled retirees with the following adjustments; for males, 134% of male rates at all ages; for females, 121% of female rates at all ages; and projection scale MP-2020 will be used to project future improvements in life expectancy generationally.

The expectation of contingent annuitant mortality was based on PubS.H-2010(B) Contingent Annuitant Table with the following adjustments; for males, 97% of male rates at all ages; for females, 110% of female rates at all ages; and projection scale MP-2020 will be used to project future improvements in life expectancy generationally.

The price inflation assumption was reduced from 2.75% to 2.40%. The wage inflation assumption was reduced from 3.00% to 2.65%.

The investment rate of return assumption was changed from 7.75% to 7.55%. The assumed load for administrative expenses was increased from 0.25% to 0.28% of payroll

Withdrawal rates, pre-retirement mortality rates, and service retirement rates were also adjusted to more closely reflect actual experience.

The percentage of active member disabilities assumed to be in the line of duty was increased from 9% to 12%.

The percentage of active member deaths assumed to be in the line of duty was decreased from 6% to 4%.

**2023:**

The investment rate of return assumption was changed from 7.55% to 7.00%. The assumed load for administrative expenses was decreased from 0.28% to 0.26% of payroll

Withdrawal rates, disability rates, and service retirement rates were also adjusted to reflect actual experience more closely

The percentage of participants assumed to receive a deferred benefit upon attaining the eligibility requirements for retirement was increased from 60% to 65%.

For married members, the number of years that a male is assumed to be older than his spouse was changed from 3 years to 2 years.

The assumed amount of unused sick leave at retirement was increased from 0.50 years to 0.55 years.

The assumed average number of years of military service that participants will have at retirement was decreased from 0.25 years to 0.20 years.

**CITY OF PETAL**  
**NOTES TO THE REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024**

(2) *Changes in benefit provisions*

2016:

Effective July 1, 2016, the interest rate on employee contributions shall be calculated based on the money market rate as published by the Wall Street Journal on December 31 of each preceding year with a minimum rate of one percent and a maximum rate of five percent.

(3) *Method and assumptions used in calculations of actuarially determined contributions.*

The actuarially determined contribution rates in the schedule of employer contributions are calculated as of June 30, two years prior to the end of the fiscal year in which contributions are reported (June 30, 2022 valuation for the June 30, 2024 fiscal year end). The following actuarial methods and assumptions were used to determine the most recent contribution rate reported in that schedule:

Actuarial cost method	Entry age
Amortization method	Level percentage of payroll, open
Remaining amortization period	25.6 years
Asset valuation method	5-year smoothed market
Price Inflation	2.40 percent
Salary increase	2.65 percent to 17.90 percent, including inflation
Investment rate of return	7.55 percent, net of pension plan investment expense, including inflation

***SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION***

**CITY OF PETAL, MISSISSIPPI**  
**SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024**

<i>Federal Grantor/Program or Cluster Title</i>	<i>Federal CFDA Number</i>	<i>Pass-through Number</i>	<i>Federal Expenditures(\$)</i>
<b>Department of the Treasury</b>			
Passed-through MS Department of Environmental Quality Coronavirus State and local Fiscal Recovery Funds	21.027	3100015895	\$ 1,365,923
<i>Total Passed-through MS Department of Environmental Quality</i>			1,365,923
<i>Total Department of the Treasury</i>			1,365,923
<b>Total Expenditures of Federal Awards</b>			<u>\$ 1,365,923</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this schedule.

**CITY OF PETAL, MISSISSIPPI**  
**NOTES TO THE SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024**

Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards

(1) Basis of Presentation

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards (the "Schedule") includes the federal award activity of the City of Petal, Mississippi under programs of the federal government for the year ended September 30, 2023. The information in this Schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Because the Schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of the City of Petal, Mississippi, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in net position, or cash flows of the City of Petal, Mississippi.

(2) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Expenditures reported on the Schedule are reported on the modified accrual basis of accounting. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in the Uniform Guidance, wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowable or are limited as to reimbursement. Negative amounts shown on the Schedule represent adjustments or credits made in the normal course of business to amounts reported as expenditures in prior years.

(3) Indirect Cost Rate

The City of Petal, Mississippi has not elected to use the 10-percent de minimis indirect cost rate allowed under the Uniform Guidance.

**CITY OF PETAL, MISSISSIPPI  
SCHEDULE OF SURETY BONDS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024**

Presented below is Section 21-17-5 of Mississippi Code

Unless otherwise provided by law, before entering upon the duties of their respective offices, the alderman or councilmen of every municipality of this state shall give bond, with sufficient surety, to be payable, conditioned and approved as provided by law, in a penalty equal to five percent (5%) of the sum of all municipal taxes shown by the assessment rolls and the levies to have been collectible in the municipality for the year immediately preceding the commencement of the term of office of said alderman or councilman; however, such bond shall not exceed the amount of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Company</u>	<u>Bond</u>
Anthony T. Ducker	Mayor	Scott Municipal Insurance	\$100,000
Gerald Steele	Alderman	Scott Municipal Insurance	\$100,000
James C. Bullock	Alderman	Scott Municipal Insurance	\$100,000
Andrew P. Brickson	Alderman	Scott Municipal Insurance	\$100,000
Steven Stringer	Alderman	Scott Municipal Insurance	\$100,000
Blake Nobles	Alderman	Scott Municipal Insurance	\$100,000
Mike Lott	Alderman	Scott Municipal Insurance	\$100,000
Craig Strickland	Alderman	Scott Municipal Insurance	\$100,000
Melissa Martin	City Clerk	Scott Municipal Insurance	\$50,000
Matthew Hiatt	Police Chief	Scott Municipal Insurance	\$50,000
Lynn Campfield	Deputy Clerk	Scott Municipal Insurance	\$50,000
Melissa Creel	Deputy Clerk	Scott Municipal Insurance	\$50,000
Angel Dye	Deputy Clerk	The Policy Center	\$50,000
Michelle Strebeck	Court Clerk	Scott Municipal Insurance	\$50,000
Anyone handling money		Scott Municipal Insurance	\$50,000

***REPORTS ON INTERNAL CONTROLS AND COMPLIANCE***





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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON  
COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH *GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS*

Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council  
City of Petal, Mississippi

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of City of Petal, Mississippi as of and for the year ended September 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise City of Petal, Mississippi's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated July 10, 2025.

**Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered City of Petal, Mississippi's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of City of Petal, Mississippi's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of City of Petal, Mississippi's internal control.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements, on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or, significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified.

**Report on Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether City of Petal, Mississippi's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

**Purpose of This Report**

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

*Holt & Associates, PLLC*

Laurel, Mississippi  
July 10, 2025



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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR FEDERAL PROGRAM AND REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE

Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council  
City of Petal, Mississippi

### **Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program**

#### ***Opinion on Each Major Federal Program***

We have audited City of Petal, Mississippi's compliance with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the OMB *Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of City of Petal, Mississippi's major federal programs for the year ended September 30, 2024. City of Petal, Mississippi's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

In our opinion, City of Petal, Mississippi complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended September 30, 2024.

#### ***Basis for Opinion on Each Major Federal Program***

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Our responsibilities under those standards and the Uniform Guidance are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section of our report.

We are required to be independent of City of Petal, Mississippi and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion on compliance for each major federal program. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of City of Petal, Mississippi's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above.

#### ***Responsibilities of Management for Compliance***

Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements referred to above and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of effective internal control over compliance with the requirements of laws, statutes, regulations, rules, and provisions of contracts or grant agreements applicable to City of Petal, Mississippi's federal programs.

#### ***Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance***

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether material noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above occurred, whether due to fraud or error, and express an opinion on City of Petal, Mississippi's compliance based on our audit. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance will always detect material noncompliance when it exists. The risk of not detecting material noncompliance resulting from fraud is higher than for that resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.

Noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above is considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, it would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user of the report on compliance about City of Petal, Mississippi's compliance with the requirements of each major federal program as a whole.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material noncompliance, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding City of Petal, Mississippi's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.
- Obtain an understanding of City of Petal, Mississippi's internal control over compliance relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of City of Petal, Mississippi's internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and any significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in internal control over compliance that we identified during the audit.

#### **Report on Internal Control over Compliance**

A *deficiency in internal control over compliance* exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program on a timely basis. A *material weakness in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section above and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance may exist that were not identified.

Our audit was not designed for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of the Uniform Guidance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

*Holt & Associates, PLLC*

Laurel, MS  
July 10, 2025

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH  
STATE LAWS AND REGULATIONS**



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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH STATE LAWS AND REGULATIONS

Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council  
City of Petal, Mississippi

We have audited the basic financial statements of the City of Petal, Mississippi as of and for the year ended September 30, 2024, and have issued our report thereon dated July 10, 2025. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards.

As required by the state legal compliance audit program prescribed by the Office of the State Auditor, we have also performed procedures to test compliance with certain other state laws and regulations. However, providing an opinion on compliance with all state laws and regulations was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

The results of those procedures performed to test compliance with certain other state laws and regulations and our audit of the financial statements disclosed no immaterial instance of noncompliance with other state laws and regulations.

The Office of the State Auditor or a public accounting firm will review, on a subsequent year's audit engagement, the findings in this report to ensure that corrective action has been taken.

*Holt & Associates, PLLC*

Laurel, Mississippi  
July 10, 2025

**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS**

**CITY OF PETAL, MISSISSIPPI**

**Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs  
Year Ended September 30, 2024**

Section I: Summary of Auditor's Results

Financial Statements:

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|---|---------------|
| 1. Type of auditor's report issued:                               | Unmodified    |
| 2. Internal control over financial reporting:                     |               |
| a. Material weakness(es) identified? (Yes/No)                     | No            |
| b. Significant deficiency(ies) identified? (Yes/None reported)    | None reported |
| 3. Noncompliance material to financial statements noted? (Yes/No) | No            |

Federal Awards:

- |  |               |
|--|---------------|
| 4. Internal control over major programs:   |               |
| a. Material weakness(es) identified? (Yes/No)  | No            |
| b. Significant deficiency(ies) identified? (Yes/None reported)   | None reported |
| 5. Type of auditor's report issued on compliance for major programs:   | Unmodified    |
| 6. Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with 2 CFR 200.516(a)? (Yes/No) | No            |

7. Identification of major programs:

<u>CFDA Numbers</u>	<u>Name of Federal Program or Cluster</u>
21.027	Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund

- |   |           |
|---|-----------|
| 8. Dollar threshold used to distinguish between type A and type B programs:   | \$750,000 |
| 9. Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee? (Yes/No)  | No        |
| 10. Prior fiscal year audit findings(s) and questioned costs relative to federal awards which would require the auditee to prepare a summary schedule of prior audit findings in accordance with 2CFR 200.511(b). | No        |



**CITY OF PETAL, MISSISSIPPI**

**Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs  
Year Ended September 30, 2024**

Section II: Financial Statement Findings

The results of our tests did not disclose any findings related to the financial statements.

Section III: Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs

The results of our tests did not disclose any findings or questioned costs related to the federal awards.